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Updated List of Required Immunizations for 4-H Horses in Maine

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The State 4-H Office is adding two immunizations to the required list of vaccinations for horses attending 4-H events in Maine this year. Horses brought to 4-H events will need to have a veterinarian's certificate of vaccination for EVH-1 (rhinopneumonitis) and equine influenza. This new ruling is in response to the statement issued by Dr. Donald Hoenig, State Veterinarian, who has recommended this action.

A veterinarian's certificate for immunization for rabies and a negative Coggins test within in the past three years and one year for horses coming from out-of-state are the other requirements for horse attending 4-H events in Maine. Please note that the state requirement for a Coggins test on animals entering from out-of-state has changed from having the test within six months to 12 months.

State Veterinarian, Donald Hoenig, has issued a statement to the Maine Equine Community concerning the risk of EHV (rhinopneumonitis) and equine influenza in the State of Maine.

He is strongly recommending that tracks, agricultural fairs and equine training facilities in Maine require that all horses entering their facilities be vaccinated for EHV (rhinopneumonitis) and equine influenza, not more than six months or less than 14 days before entry. Proof of vaccination should be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (required for all horses entering the State of Maine) or on a certificate of vaccination signed by the owner's practicing veterinarian. (Please remember that any horse entering the State also needs to have a negative Coggins test within the previous 12 months).