

EHV-1 outbreak update 13/01/20

On Thursday 9 January, the British Equestrian Federation (BEF) issued an [update](#) following the confirmed diagnosis of EHV-1 (Equine Herpes Virus) at an equestrian centre in Hampshire, which has now been named as Crofton Manor Equestrian Centre in Fareham.

In consultation with the Animal Health Trust, the BEF is today strongly recommending that any horse or pony who visited Crofton Manor EC between 20 December and 7 January is tested by a veterinary surgeon for EHV. This is in addition to the originally recommended isolation period of 14 days and daily clinical monitoring. Owners of any horses or ponies who have been to Crofton EC in the specified should liaise directly with their veterinary surgeon on the testing process and advice.

EHV-1 is a contagious disease that can be spread through direct and indirect contact, with the virus surviving in the environment for several weeks. Clinical signs include a high temperature, coughing, nasal discharge, lethargy and loss of appetite. Severely affected animals can display neurological symptoms, and pregnant mares can also suddenly and unexpectedly miscarry their unborn foal.

The BEF recommends that all horse owners remain vigilant for signs of the virus, maintain excellent biosecurity and consult with their vets if they are concerned.