

Public Health Unit (PHU) Incident Management Checklist for confirmed equine case of Hendra virus infection, or where [NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI)] advises of heightened suspicion.

**Contact [NSW DPI] to:**

- Clarify timeline for results of laboratory testing, if not already confirmed;
- Ensure appropriate infection-control measures are in place;
- Identify potential contacts and establish whether/what communication has occurred.

**Contact potential contacts to:**

- Assess horse exposure/s using Exposure assessment form/s
  - If high exposure to body fluids of a confirmed equine case, liaise with an infectious diseases physician as soon as practicable regarding PEP
  - If medium exposure, discuss as soon as practicable with appropriately-experienced public health practitioners and infectious diseases physician/s to reach consensus on exposure assessment.
- Assess current health status
- Refer any symptomatic people to appropriate care
- Counsel about risk
- Advise about laboratory testing recommendations
- Provide Hendra Factsheet for contacts
- Advise about self-monitoring of their health and to seek early medical advice if they develop fever or respiratory or neurological symptoms within 3 weeks of exposure
- Advise them to access their usual health-care practitioner to assess need for ongoing physical and psychological support, medical or workers compensation certification and referral to other services as necessary

**Other issues:**

- Maintain communication with [NSW Communicable Diseases Branch]
- Establish a team to manage public health response if confirmed equine case
- Involve [SafeWork NSW] if confirmed transmission has occurred in a workplace.

**PHU Case Checklist for suspected or confirmed human case of Hendra virus infection**

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