



15 April 2021

NOTICE OF OUTBREAK CONTROL AREA: AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS – CEDERBERG MUNICIPALITY

Five suspect cases of African horse sickness (AHS) occurred on a farm in the Cederberg Local Municipality in the region of the R364 east of the Cederberg Mountains, between the Pakhuis pass (Clanwilliam) and the border of the Northern Cape Province. The horses died from 9-14 April 2021. Samples from a recent death were obtained on 13 April 2021 and submitted to the Stellenbosch Provincial Veterinary Laboratory and tested positive for the presence of AHS virus.

The suspect cases occurred in the African horse sickness Protection Zone. Having regard for the Animal Diseases Act (Act 35 of 1984) and the Western Cape Department of Agriculture's contingency plan for AHS (version 3 dated 3 March 2019) a preliminary outbreak controlled area has been designated that is encompassed by the Cederberg Local Municipality and shown in the image and specifically defined by:

- An eastern border delineated by the border between the Western Cape Province and the Northern Cape Province
- A western border delineated by the Atlantic Ocean
- A northern border following the existing AHS protection zone border
 - from the Atlantic ocean (between Cape Donkin and Lamberts Bay)
 - crossing the N7 4.5 km south of Trawal and indicated by an AHS controlled area signboard
 - following the Cederberg local municipality border east along the Doring river until the Northern Cape/Western Cape boundary
- A southern border following the Cederberg local municipality border
 - east from the Atlantic ocean, approximately 14.5km south of Elandsbaai
 - linking to the N7 at the western base of the Piekenierskloof pass
 - following the N7 to the R303 at Citrusdal
 - following the R303 for approximately 19km to the Middelberg mountains to link back to the southern border of the Cederberg Local municipality and extending east to the border between the Western Cape Province and the Northern Cape Province

No equines (horses, donkeys, zebras) will be allowed to move out of, into, through or within the outbreak controlled area without a permit issued by the Western Cape Department of Agriculture's Veterinary Services. Any roads that make up the border of the outbreak controlled area are not included in movement restrictions, and transport of equines along these roads is permitted. All permit applications in relation the outbreak controlled area can be submitted to info@myhorse.org.za. Forms for outbreak associated movement permits can be obtained at www.myhorse.org.za.

An investigation, surveillance and census program, undertaken by provincial officials in collaboration with officials from South African Equine Health and Protocols NPC, will be undertaken. This will focus on the area immediately surrounding confirmed, suspect and in-contact properties, as well as extending into the rest of the outbreak controlled area. Horse owners/managers are requested to report any equines with unexplained fever, swelling of the head and neck, and difficulty in breathing to their local State Veterinarian. The State veterinarian for the Cederberg local municipality and the current AHS outbreak controlled area is Dr Chanel Lombard - chanel@elsenburg.com

All horse owners/managers are encouraged to stable their horses from two hours before sunset to two hours after dawn to decrease the vector (midges) of the disease from having contact with their horses. A registered insect repellent and insecticide for use in horses would also decrease the risk of infection and spread of the disease and the use of these products are encouraged.

Any other enquires can be directed to info@myhorse.org.za

See link to locate the State Veterinarian nearest to you:

<https://www.elsenburg.com/services-and-programmes/veterinary-services-0#s=Animal-Health-and-Disease-Control>.



Signed:

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