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WLSB Reportable Disease Response Protocol

Veterinarians, diagnostic laboratories, or producers must:

1. Contact the Wyoming State Veterinarian or designee **immediately** for all of the listed diseases and disease events.
2. Complete a WLSB Reportable Disease Notification Form and email to the state veterinarian's office as soon as possible.

Suspected Reportable Disease/Disease Event:

Upon report from a veterinarian or laboratory of a **suspected** (clinical evidence of disease) reportable disease or disease event, the State Veterinarian will:

1. Notify USDA APHIS AVIC of the disease report.
2. If the suspected disease is a zoonotic disease, notify the State Public Health Veterinarian.
3. If the suspected disease is a risk to wildlife, notify the State Wildlife Veterinarian.
4. Contact the reporting veterinarian and advise that an initial investigation will be forthcoming.
5. Contact the owner of affected animals and advise that an initial investigation will be forthcoming.
6. Advise owner of likely response actions if the disease is confirmed.
7. Assign a WLSB Staff Veterinarian to complete a disease investigation.

The assigned WLSB staff veterinarian will:

1. Give a verbal hold order or quarantine to the animal owner to prevent movement of any animals from the premises if deemed necessary to prevent disease spread until diagnosis is confirmed.
2. If the disease is zoonotic, inform the owner of risk to human health and refer them to the Wyoming Department of Health.
3. If necessary, a WLSB veterinarian, USDA veterinarian, or designated personnel will collect necessary diagnostic samples and submit them to the appropriate laboratory.
4. Advise no movement of any carcasses until diagnosis is confirmed.
5. Advise about proper carcass disposal.
6. Advise owner about biosecurity of site, proper disinfection, and supply personal protective equipment at the Staff Veterinarian's discretion.

If suspected disease is NOT CONFIRMED and deemed NOT reportable:

WLSB staff veterinarian will:

1. Confirm with State Veterinarian.
2. Notify reporting veterinarian.
3. Notify owner.
4. Release hold order or quarantine.
5. Close the case and notify State Veterinarian of closure.

Confirmed Reportable Disease/Disease Event:

Upon report of a **confirmed** reportable disease or disease event the State Veterinarian will:

1. Issue a quarantine of all animals on affected premises. **This will depend on the disease, severity, and magnitude of the outbreak. A quarantine may not be necessary in some disease cases/circumstances.**

- a. Quarantine release date will be determined by State Veterinarian depending on conditions to be met for specific diseases.
2. Notify the following: **(Depending on disease severity and magnitude of the outbreak.)**
 - a. Assistant State Veterinarian and WLSB Staff Veterinarians
 - b. Animal owner
 - c. WLSB members and all staff
 - d. Attending/reporting veterinarian
 - e. AVIC
 - f. Governor's office
 - g. Wyoming Department of Agriculture Director
 - h. Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory Director
 - i. Other state agencies as appropriate per the disease
 - j. Livestock industry groups as appropriate per the disease
 - k. Licensed veterinarians
 - l. Producers – on a need to know basis
3. Maintain confidentiality of information pertaining to the case as appropriate. Information will be disseminated only on a need to know basis.
4. Convene a regulatory decision group composed of the State Veterinarian, Assistant State Veterinarian, Field Veterinarian, and WLSB Director to coordinate the action plan and response protocol.
5. Set up Incident Command Procedures if needed (such as in the case of a foreign animal disease occurrence).
6. Direct a Staff Veterinarian to complete a disease investigation and report to the State Veterinarian as information is completed.

The Staff Veterinarian will:

1. Discuss disease signs, symptoms, precautions, and control methods with the producer.
2. In cases of zoonotic disease recommend that personnel obtain medical advice from their physician.
3. Conduct an epidemiologic investigation of the disease incident.
4. Advise owner of the disposal method preferred for carcasses or contaminated surfaces.
5. Advise owner on cleaning and disinfection of equipment, clothing, and utensils used and associated with the case.
6. Inform premises owner/manager and/or their veterinarian to report any additional diseased animals or animal deaths immediately to the State Veterinarian.
7. Keep State Veterinarian immediately updated on all issues.
8. Based on the epidemiologic investigation:
 - a. Notify surrounding or contact livestock owners of the case location to the extent of the county and implications. (depending on the disease and only at the State Veterinarian's direction)
 - b. Notify slaughter facilities in the area that the disease has been diagnosed. This will depend on the disease & species affected. Will be done at direction of the State Veterinarian.
9. Compile records of people contacted, issues discussed, and information relating to this case and submit a case report along with the copy of the disease investigation report to the State Veterinarian upon release of quarantine.

The State Veterinarian will:

1. Determine the need for herd or flock testing, depopulation, and surveillance on the index premises and on adjacent or contact herds or flocks.
2. Initiate necessary quarantines and enact a quarantine release protocol.
3. Provide educational information for the producer, and public on the disease and the appropriate response protocol through meetings, press releases, and other appropriate methods.
4. Maintain communication with animal owner(s) to keep them informed of the regulatory action plan and provide appropriate assistance and cooperation through quarantine release.
5. Ensure all quarantines are released.
6. Prepare a final report on the disease incident.