



Royal National Capital Agricultural Society

Hendra Virus Policy

as of September 2022

Hendra virus vaccination for horses is not mandatory under Federal, State or Territory Laws as there is insufficient evidence at the time supporting the legal requirement.

The Royal National Capital Agricultural Society (RNCAS) advises that it does not require mandatory vaccinations of horses attending the 2023 Show unless they are from an endemic Hendra virus area. However, owners with horses from unaffected Hendra virus areas should consult with their local veterinarian regarding the risk-benefits assessment of vaccination.

It is mandatory all horse owners, handlers and staff maintain the highest bio security standards at the show to ensure other people and horses are not put at risk.

All horses from endemic Hendra affected areas require mandatory vaccination and the owners must provide RNCAS with a current Vaccination Certificate for each horse.

The Endemic Hendra virus areas by post codes are:
NSW - 2286, 2337, 2440, 2470, 2477, 2478, 2480, 2482 and 2484
QLD - 4034, 4215, 4217, 4275, 4285, 4413, 4510, 4655, 4670, 4700, 4701, 4740, 4810, 4850, 4870 and 4881

A required current Vaccination Certificate for each horse must be emailed to the Horse Section Office ahorse@rncas.org.au at least 48 hours prior to arriving at the showground.

RNCAS will inform horse owners if any of the above requirements change, or the list of current postcodes are changed due to new Hendra virus outbreaks.



P 02 6241 2478



E admin@rncas.org.au
W www.rncas.org.au



Exhibition Park in Canberra
Flemington Rd, Mitchell ACT 2911
PO Box 124 Mitchell ACT 2911

ABN 12 008 514 912