

As a society, digital communication has become crucial for disseminating accurate information in a timely fashion. Social media, everchanging information and a continued need for accurate updates, has left many of us frustrated. That is why it is imperative the EDCC be the commanding voice for infectious disease in a busy world. We know it is not always easy to find accurate information which in turn leads to rumors spreading and sometimes even panic.

The equine industry faced a similar struggle in 2011, following a major equine herpesvirus outbreak involving 240 equine premises across 19 states and two Canadian provinces. Without anyone realizing it, horses were exposed to an equine herpesvirus (EHV-1) at a show and then traveled back home resulting in further spread of the virus. As a result of the outbreak, there was a significant loss of horses, hundreds of shows were canceled, causing a significant economic impact.

There was a benefit resulting from this outbreak, the Equine Disease Communication was established as a universal communication system for tracking and reporting on equine infectious diseases. This unique system is now working to protect horses throughout North America. Recent outbreaks of equine infectious anemia (EIA) demonstrate the importance of timely and accurate disease reporting.

The EDCC is entirely funded by owners, veterinarians and partners in the equine industry. We need your help to continue our efforts and keep horses and the equine industry healthy. Please donate to the EDCC by visiting [equinediseasecc.org/support-us](http://equinediseasecc.org/support-us). Your contribution is very much appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nathaniel A. White II".

Nathaniel A. White II DVM, MS, DACVS  
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# COMMUNICATION THAT COUNTS

The Equine Disease Communication Center provides accurate, real-time information on infectious diseases, alerts, quarantines and movement restrictions. Our website alerts the horse industry about disease outbreaks to help mitigate and prevent disease spread.



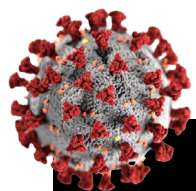
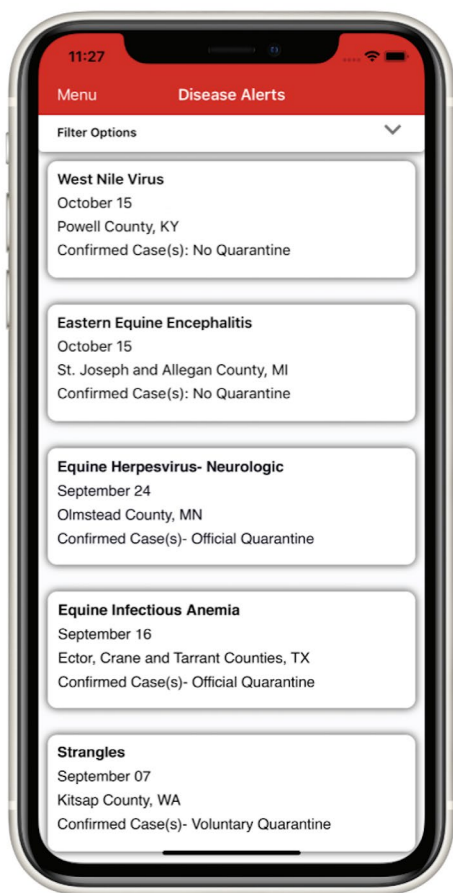
## OUR MISSION

*To improve the health and welfare of horses  
by communicating real-time alerts and  
information to help prevent and mitigate  
equine infectious diseases.*

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For the mobile app version of our online alert system, search “EDCC Disease Alerts” for a **free download!**



## HOW IT STARTED

In 2011, without anyone realizing it, 2,000 horses attending a large cutting horse show were potentially exposed to equine herpesvirus. Horses left and traveled to various parts of the United States, further spreading the disease. As a result, this caused widespread panic and shut down horse movement and events across North America.

Recognizing the need for increased biosecurity and a communication system, the American Association of Equine Practitioners, the American Horse Council, the USDA and other equine organizations created the EDCC.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

The EDCC operations are entirely supported by horse owners, horse organizations, and allied industry partners.

**Your contributions help us deliver real-time and accurate information needed to stop the spread of infections!**

The EDCC provides information about the type, state and county of infectious diseases including:

- Disease Factsheets for Owners
- Vaccination Guidelines
- Biosecurity Protocols
- State Veterinarian Contact Information
- Interstate & Animal Movement Requirements
- National Equine Health Plan

## MAKE YOUR GIFT

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