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### Kentucky import requirements

Effective immediately, the Kentucky State Veterinarian is imposing restrictions on moving stallions into that state from Wisconsin for breeding purposes.

The new requirements:

-Stallions entering Kentucky from Wisconsin for breeding or semen collection will need a permit. The veterinarian issuing the certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) will need to call 502-564-2956 weekdays between 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. central time.

-The CVI must include complete description and identification.

-The horse must test negative for CEM within 28 days before entry into Kentucky. Testing protocol consists of a set of individual swabs collected from the prepuce, urethral sinus, fossa glandis and distal urethra, with each swab submitted to an approved CEM laboratory.

-The CVI must include a statement that the stallion was not bred and semen had not been collected from him after the swabs were collected.

We recommend that you contact the approved lab for submission instructions before collecting the swabs.

### CEM situation in Wisconsin as of Feb. 26

We have confirmed three CEM-positive stallions and one CEM-positive mare in Wisconsin. In addition, we have a total of 34 exposed stallions and 78 exposed mares. These are exposures that occurred in the 2005/2006 and 2007/2008 breeding seasons. All remain under quarantine and in various stages of testing and treatment. We do expect to release some of the mares from quarantine within the next week, because they have completed treatment and cultured negative.

You can find information online at the [USDA](#) and [Kentucky Department of Agriculture](#) websites. For more information about Wisconsin's situation in particular, email or call: Dr. Paul McGraw, Division of Animal Health, Assistant State Veterinarian, 608-224-4872  
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