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Greetings!

See below for important updates, reminders, and reviews regarding the Wisconsin Johne's Disease Control Program.



### Dairy and Beef Newsletters

#### Please Share With Your Producers

The spring editions of the dairy and beef producer newsletters from the National Johne's Education Initiative are now available.

These latest editions highlight their respective producers' experiences with Johne's disease control, current research efforts, a new educational brochure, and the online courses for producers developed by the University of Wisconsin - Madison School of Veterinary Medicine. The online course for dairy producers is available in English and Spanish.



In addition, the dairy newsletter includes information on the new IDEXX ELISA test, and the beef newsletter includes tips for general management.

Click [here](#) to view the dairy newsletter.

Click [here](#) to view the beef newsletter.

### Johne's Disease Veterinary Recertifications

If you need to renew your certification in the next year, follow the guidelines below:

1. Log in to [www.vetmedce.org](http://www.vetmedce.org)
2. Click on Take a Course, Johne's Disease, and Johne's

## Disease Individual Courses

3. If you have **NOT** previously taken course #0022 Johne's Disease Recertification Course, register for course #0022-1 Johnes Disease Recertification Course - Wisconsin. Enter "datcp" into the coupon code field when entering credit card information.

4. If you **HAVE** previously taken course #0022 Johnes Disease Recertification Course, register for one of the alternate courses that qualify for Wisconsin recertification. Enter "datcp" into the coupon code field when entering credit card information. The alternate courses include:

- \* 0014 - Virtual Farm Visit: Midwestern Dairy
- \* 0026 - Virtual Farm Visit: Large Western Dairy
- \* 0027 - Virtual Farm Visit: Midwestern Beef
- \* 0028 - Virtual Ranch Visit: Southern Beef Ranch
- \* 1030 - Johne's Disease in Deer and Elk
- \* 1028 - Johne's Disease in Goat Herds
- \* 1029 - Johne's Disease in Sheep Flocks

Feel free to contact us if you are unsure if you have previously taken course #0022.

- **IMPORTANT FOR REGISTRATION**

To receive official Johne's disease recertification from the State of Wisconsin DATCP, you **MUST** enter "datcp" into the coupon code field at the time you pay with your credit card. By doing so, a \$50 certificate administration fee, that the State of Wisconsin requires, will be added to the price of the course. If you do not pay this administrative fee, you will not get recertification for taking the course.

- **REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTIFICATION**

Johne's disease courses taken by Wisconsin veterinarians for recertification may be eligible for partial reimbursement. Please complete and submit a [W-9 form](#) after course registration to receive reimbursement for eligible course fees.

### Johne's ELISA test

#### **New IDEXX ELISA**

IDEXX has developed a new ELISA test with Institut Pourquier technology. This test can be used with bovine milk samples, as well as with bovine serum and plasma samples. It has been approved by the USDA and will replace the IDEXX HerdCheck M. pt. ELISA kit.

For more information visit [www.idexx.com/production](http://www.idexx.com/production). This article does not imply a specific product endorsement by DATCP.

## Other Reminders

### Please Update Information

In order to keep producers' records accurate, please update with us any changes in information. Specifically this might include any changes in veterinarians (new veterinarians joining the practice or veterinarians leaving the practice), changes in clinic address, or changes to producers' farm and/or mailing address.

### Our Contact Information

Please feel free to contact us at:

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The number 608-224-5074 is no longer in service with the Johne's Disease Control Program.

### Johne's Disease Vaccination Safety

If you perform Johne's vaccinations, you are already aware that human exposure to the vaccine can carry serious health risks.

Exposure, especially in the form of accidental inoculation via needle stick, can result in granuloma formation, both at the site of the injury and potentially at distant sites if the adjuvant enters the blood stream. Recovery is usually prolonged and may require surgery.

To reduce risks of accidental inoculation:

- Use 22 Gauge or smaller needle
- Take proper care with needles (see [NASPHV Compendium of Veterinary Standard Precautions](#) for recommendations)
- Warm vaccine before handling
- Use proper calf restraint (standing, recumbent, headlock)
- Use single handed injection technique

This is an example of a standing calf adequately restrained and a single handed injection technique.



This is an example of a restrained calf in recumbency and a single handed injection technique.



This is one example of a portable headlock for calf restraint.



If you should sustain a needlestick injury contaminated with Johne's vaccine, consult with your physician immediately. You may contact us for pertinent reference articles concerning this issue.

Photos above courtesy of DATCP.

Please feel free to contact us at [DATCPJohnes@wi.gov](mailto:DATCPJohnes@wi.gov) or 608-224-4893 with any questions about the Wisconsin Johne's Disease Control Program or suggestions for future newsletters.

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