

**Midland Fair Office**

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info@midlandfair.net**August 27, 2026****Notice to Fair Exhibitors and Families: Equine Health Post-Fair Update**

We want to keep our exhibitors and equine community informed: during the Fair, a small number of horses on the grounds were running a temperature, consistent with a mild respiratory virus (originally believed to be Equine Rhinopneumonitis). Out of an abundance of caution, the decision was made to send all horses home to protect the health of all animals at the Fair.

Update as of 8/27/26: Testing on the animals showing symptoms came back negative for Equine Rhinopneumonitis. Results were not conclusive for any specific virus, though it is believed to be a type of flu. Exhibitors were recommended, though not required, to self-quarantine their horses for 10 days. We will share further updates if additional information becomes available.

Our official veterinarian was on-site throughout and actively monitored the situation. We recommended that exhibitors take their horses' temperatures as a precaution, a routine and proactive step we take seriously to protect every animal on these grounds. If you have questions or concerns, our Horse Superintendents, Youth & Open Committees, Board of Directors, and staff are available and happy to help.

Please know that animal health and welfare is a top priority for the Midland Fair Board of Directors and staff. Stalls are thoroughly cleaned, scrubbed, and disinfected between every show, both leading up to and during the Fair. Our team uses a combination of disinfectants: a bleach dilution immediately following each show, and Symbiot leading up to and during shows. Symbiot is a food-grade disinfectant safe for use on any surface, organic or nonorganic, immediately after treatment (including horse feeding and watering buckets).

Our team will continue working diligently to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our exhibitors, their project animals, and our equine customers.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep all our horses safe and healthy.

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