# BIOSECURITY MEASURES

## FOR STRANGLES

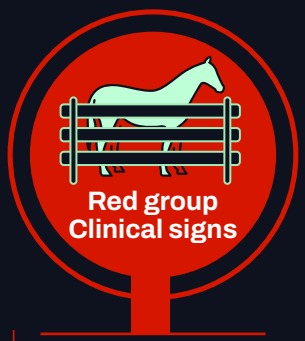
## MANAGING A STRANGLES OUTBREAK

**In the event of a strangles outbreak horses should be divided into 3 groups using a 'traffic light' system.**

Horses with clinical signs or those that tested positive should isolate in a '**red**' group.

Horses that had contact (direct or indirect), with those in the red group, should isolate in an '**amber**' group.

Horses that had no contact with those in the red group should isolate in a '**green**' group and be closely monitored.



Vaccinate 3 months after recovery

Vaccinate if no fever

Vaccinate ASAP

Give diseased horses **supportive care** until all are **fully recovered** and **free of strangles** which can take several weeks.

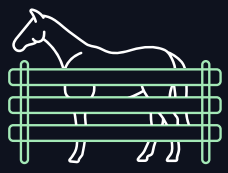
**Administer Strangvac** to horses without clinical signs

If horses in the **amber** or **green** groups develop clinical signs, they should be moved to the **red** group

week 1 week 2 week 3 week 4

Recovery can take several weeks

## PREVENTING STRANGLES



A key biosecurity method for preventing strangles is to **quarantine** newly acquired horses.

Take their temperature **twice daily** and check for clinical signs over a **minimum of 3 weeks**.

A **double blood test** looking for antibodies against strangles is recommended during that period.

**Minimise contact** with **people** and **equipment** to reduce the risk of indirect transmission.

## VACCINATION

**Vaccination is an integral part of a strangles prevention strategy and goes hand in hand with biosecurity measures.**

**Reducing the severity** of the disease

**Reducing the spread** of the disease

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