Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM)

**DISEASE IN ANIMALS**

Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) is a caused by a highly communicable bacteria, *Taylorella equigenitalis*, that is transmitted between horses mainly during mating. Many cases are subclinical, especially in stallions. Newly infected mares may exhibit endometritis, cervicitis, vaginitis, and infertility.

**Reporting**: This is a reportable animal disease in Ohio and all suspected cases must be reported to the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), Division of Animal Industry at (614) 728-6220 or (800)-300-9755 or the USDA APHIS Veterinary Services at (614) 856-4735 or (800) 536-7593.

**DISEASE IN HUMANS**

Not a zoonosis.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Reportable Animal Diseases in Ohio  
ODA Division of Animal Industry  
OAC Chapter 901:1-21 Dangerously Contagious or Infectious and Reportable Diseases  
USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Disease in Animals  
Ohio Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory  
The United States Animal Health Association Foreign Animal Diseases "The Gray Book"  
OIE Manual of Diagnostic Tests  
Iowa State University Center for Food Security and Public Health Animal Disease Factsheets