

# Contagious Equine Metritis (*CEM*)

## DISEASE IN ANIMALS

Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) is 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](#)