Strangles. (1) Strangles (also known as equine distemper) is a contagious, upper respiratory tract infection of equines caused by a bacterium, *Streptococcus equi var equi*. Strangles is enzootic in domesticated horses worldwide.

(2) Horses that test positive to *Streptococcus equi* will be dealt with by the state veterinarian on a case-by-case basis.

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