STRANGLES

Part Two:

Prepare for Strangles
What do we need for a successful quarantine area?
•LOTS of the correct type of disinfectant
•Separate equipment, bedding and feed
•Hand sanitizer
•Quarantine signage
•Overalls
•Foot dips
•Separate muck heap
•And…
CO-OPERATION!
Where’s suitable for quarantine?

A stable

... away from others, but with horses still in view
... with high sided solid walls
... with no access via main walkway

Or

A field

... at least 10 metres from other horses (preferably 25 metres)
... with a separate water supply
... not grazed by other horses during this time the quarantine period
Quarantine protocol

When entering the quarantine area:
- Only use designated quarantine tools and equipment.
- Legion contact with horses in quarantine. Shampoo your hands through washing.
- When cleaning out the horse, use a bucket and add a 1% disinfectant to it before dispensing of it as it will be contaminated.
- Peel boots used to be washed out with 1% disinfectant after each use.
- Any blood or excreta discharge on the floor needs to be covered with a disinfectant before washing or sweeping away.
- Dispose of the contaminated footwear in the designated area of the yard.
- All equipment, including shoes, hair nets, and hair nets, needs to be dipped and thoroughly soaked in disinfectant before re-entering the area.

On exit of the quarantine area:
- Only use designated exit tools.
- Remove your clothes at the quarantine area in point of collection.
- Remove your clothes at the end of the process of the cells.
- Peel shed the inside out and do not turn the harness or the bag until it is completely submerged.
- Before leaving the quarantine area, discard the harness of the same breath and dip your hands in the disinfectant solution to cover the robe and expand the packed part of the bag. Disinfectant will not work if it is contaminated with dirt or hair, so make sure your gloves are clean and any mail or shoes in the bag are covered off before disinfecting.
- Points of exit will be changed every two days by the yard manager or authorized persons. Check disinfectant instructions to use instruction.

Only enter quarantine area with permission of yard manager.

Quarantine protocol is to be adhered to all stabling yard areas.
Keep one copy in quarantine office and one on the main yard.

Redwings
Interbreeding Aisle Cote
Memorial Stables
http://www.redwings.org.uk/welfare/advice-and-information/strangles/
Spot the mistakes

1. No clearly marked entry and exit points
2. Takes overalls from the bin marked ‘dirty overalls’. The dirty overalls bin should be next to the exit point
3. The red barrier needs to be at least 8 feet in front of the quarantine area to allow for storage of equipment
4. All equipment should be labelled “For quarantine use only”
5. Takes phone into the quarantine area and uses it. Anything that is taken into the quarantine area must be disinfected on exit
6. Plays with hair while in the quarantine area. Her hair will need to be disinfected on exit!
7. Kisses the horse around the nose, where bacteria will be highly prevalent. Strangles spreads through touch, so contact with an infected horse must be kept to a minimum
8. Rolls up sleeves, leaving her clothes exposed
9. Disinfectant must be swilled in the water bucket to kill any bacteria in the water or on the bucket before it is disposed of
10. The participant takes equipment out of the quarantine area
11. The participant dipped her feet in the disinfectant too quickly. Shoes and boots must be submerged in the disinfectant
12. The participant did not disinfect her hard hat
13. The participant did not use the hand sanitizer that is available
14. Dirty overalls need to go straight into a disinfectant solution
15. The participant removed rubbish from the quarantine area.
Any questions? Please ask!