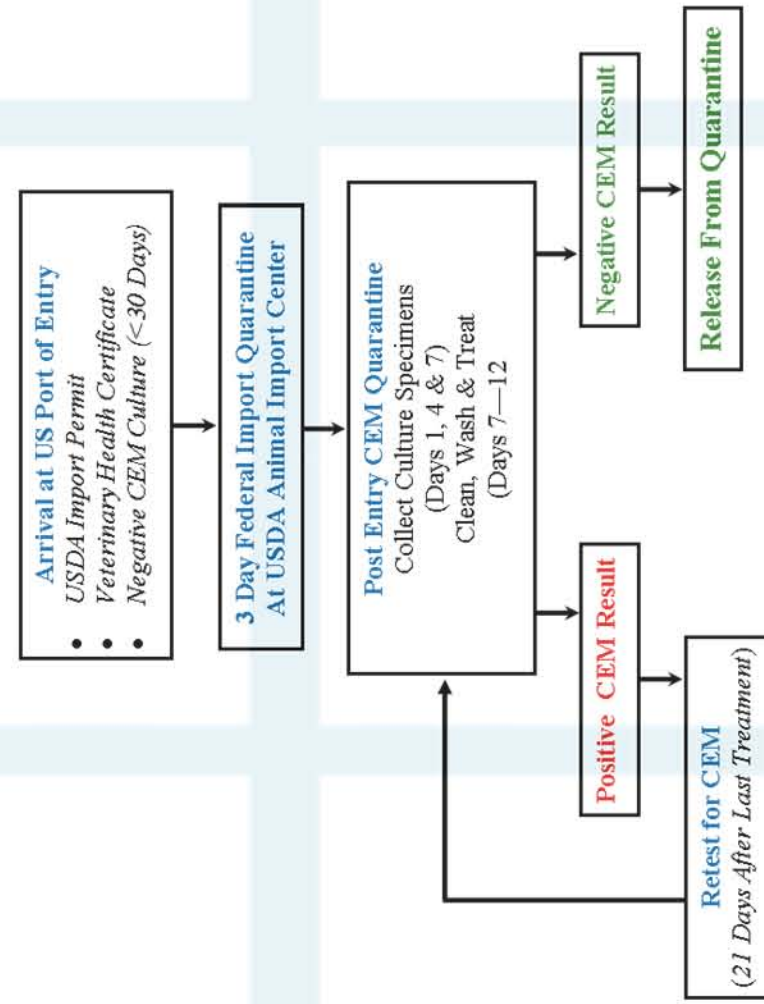


## Culture, Diagnostic and Quarantine Procedure Mare




## Frequently Asked Questions

### When should a horse be tested for CEM?

All breeding horses need to have had one Negative CEM culture no more than 30 days prior to leaving the country of origin. Federal Law requires that all breeding horses over the age of 731 days imported to the United States from a country that is known to have the disease Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) must go to an approved CEM quarantine facility for testing and treatment. Geldings are not considered breeding horses.

### What is CEM?

CEM is a venereal disease caused by bacteria and spread through breeding. Ultimately, CEM results in a mare's inability to conceive. Stallions can carry and spread this disease, but do not always show clinical signs.

### Can any barn be a Quarantine facility?

No. A quarantine barn must be inspected by the USDA Veterinarian and must meet certain criteria, Frederiksborg Horse Farm is an approved USDA /C.E.M. Import/Export (into & out of the USA) quarantine facility. Our stalls are 14' X 14' painted steel panels which can be easily washed and disinfected between housing horses; each stall is bedded with pine shavings over rubber matted floors; and refreshed or replaced daily. We are inspected by the USDA on a yearly basis, and a USDA Veterinarian is present during the CEM testing; during this time the property is inspected.

### What is Mare CEM Quarantine?

The CEM quarantine for a mare includes up to 15 - 20 days board which is required for the CEM testing protocol to be conducted. Mares are tested at required intervals throughout the quarantine period. Once testing is completed and negative results obtained, the USDA will issue an official release from the quarantine facility, then the import mare is free to leave the CEM quarantine facility for final destination in the USA. (See flow chart for Imported Mares)

### What is Stallion CEM Quarantine?

The CEM quarantine for stallion is approximately 30 - 45 days board which is required for the CEM testing protocol to be conducted. Each stallion must live cover two CEM free mares. They are bred to the stallion then cultured and a blood sample taken to establish that no CEM bacteria have been transmitted from the stallion to the mare. This procedure is essential to validate a negative result. The testing procedure of the stallion and the CEM-free tested mares takes approximately 30 - 45 days to complete. A negative CEM test from both the stallion and the 2 test mares will result in an official release from the USDA, the imported stallion is then free to leave the CEM quarantine facility for final destination in the USA. (See flow chart for Stallion)

### What if my horse needs Veterinary care during CEM Quarantine?

Should your horse require any other veterinary treatment, you will be notified and a veterinarian of your choice will be informed or you may wish to have the Frederiksborg Horse Farm veterinarian treat your horse.