

Kenya - African horse sickness virus (Inf. with) - Immediate notification

GENERAL INFORMATION

COUNTRY/TERRITORY OR ZONE	ANIMAL TYPE	DISEASE CATEGORY	EVENT ID
COUNTRY/TERRITORY	TERRESTRIAL	Listed disease	7715
DISEASE	CAUSAL AGENT	GENOTYPE / SEROTYPE / SUBTYPE	START DATE
African horse sickness virus (Inf. with)	African horse sickness virus	Pending	2026/06/15
REASON FOR NOTIFICATION	DATE OF LAST OCCURRENCE	CONFIRMATION DATE	EVENT STATUS
Recurrence of an eradicated disease	2024/11/08	2026/07/13	On-going
END DATE	SELF-DECLARATION		
-	NO		

REPORT INFORMATION

REPORT NUMBER	REPORT ID	REPORT REFERENCE	REPORT DATE
Immediate notification	IN_184608	-	2026/07/29
REPORT STATUS	NO EVOLUTION REPORT		
Validated	-		

EPIDEMIOLOGY

SOURCE OF EVENT OR ORIGIN OF INFECTION

- Vectors
- Unknown or inconclusive

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL COMMENTS

Between 16 and 29 June 2026, four independent outbreaks of African Horse Sickness were detected in horses across Nairobi County and the neighbouring Machakos area (Karen, Jamhuri Polo Stables, Ruai and Athi River), affecting a total of 67 susceptible animals with 4 cases and 4 deaths (100% case fatality among affected animals). Confirmation was obtained by RT-PCR at the National Veterinary Reference Laboratory between 13 and 17 July 2026, with serotyping still pending. All affected premises are managed under intensive production systems, with the farm as the epidemiological unit; affected horses were of various breeds, mixed ages, and both sexes, indicating no clear breed, age, or sex predisposition and suggesting a common environmental or management-related exposure rather than an animal-specific risk factor. Given the intensive stabling of affected animals, vector control, movement restrictions and ring vaccination around affected premises are considered priority measures pending further trace-back and serotype confirmation.

QUANTITATIVE DATA SUMMARY

MEASURING UNIT

Animal

Species	Susceptible Cases Deaths Killed and Disposed of					Slaughtered/ Killed for commercial use	Vaccinated
equidae	NEW	67	4	4	0	0	64
(domestic)	TOTAL	67	4	4	0	0	64

DIAGNOSTIC DETAILS

CLINICAL SIGNS

YES

METHOD OF DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic test

Test name	Laboratory	Species sampled	Number of outbreaks sampled	First result date	Latest result date	Result
Reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR)	Central Veterinary Laboratories Kabete	Equidae	4	2026/07/13	2026/07/17	Positive

CONTROL MEASURES

CONTROL MEASURES AT EVENT LEVEL

Control of vectors
 Movement control
 Surveillance without restriction zone
 Traceability
 Vaccination in response to the outbreak (s)

DOMESTIC ANIMALS

Applied
 Applied
 Applied
 Applied
 Applied

WILD ANIMALS

NEW OUTBREAKS

OB_192909 - KAREN

OUTBREAK REFERENCE	START DATE	END DATE	DETAILED CHARACTERISATION
-	2026/06/15	-	-
FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION	SECOND ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION	THIRD ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION	EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UNIT
Nairobi	Langata	Karen	Farm
LOCATION	Latitude, Longitude	OUTBREAKS IN CLUSTER	Measuring unit
Karen	-1.3294 , 36.7047	-	Animal

AFFECTED POPULATION DESCRIPTION

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Species	Wildlife type	Susceptible Cases	Deaths	Killed and Disposed of	Slaughtered/ Killed for commercial use	Vaccinated
equidae	NEW	3	1	1	0	3
(domestic)	TOTAL	3	1	1	0	3

METHOD OF DIAGNOSTIC

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CONTROL MEASURES DIFFERENT FROM EVENT LEVEL

MEASURES NOT IMPLEMENTED

ADDITIONAL MEASURES

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OB_192908 - RUAI

OUTBREAK REFERENCE	START DATE	END DATE	DETAILED CHARACTERISATION
-	2026/06/15	-	-
FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION	SECOND ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION	THIRD ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION	EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UNIT
Nairobi	Kasarani	Kasarani	Farm
LOCATION	Latitude, Longitude	OUTBREAKS IN CLUSTER	Measuring unit
Ruai	-1.2223 , 36.89 (Approximate location)	-	Animal

AFFECTED POPULATION DESCRIPTION

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Species	Wildlife type	Susceptible	Cases	Deaths	Killed and Disposed of	Slaughtered/ Killed for commercial use	Vaccinated
equidae	NEW	16	1	1	0	0	15
(domestic)	TOTAL	16	1	1	0	0	15

METHOD OF DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic test

CONTROL MEASURES DIFFERENT FROM EVENT LEVEL

MEASURES NOT IMPLEMENTED

ADDITIONAL MEASURES

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OB_193342 - ATHIRIVER

OUTBREAK REFERENCE	START DATE	END DATE	DETAILED CHARACTERISATION
-	2026/06/16	-	-
FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION	SECOND ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION	THIRD ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION	EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UNIT
Machakos	Mavoko	Athi River	Farm
LOCATION	Latitude, Longitude	OUTBREAKS IN CLUSTER	Measuring unit
Athiriver	-1.4499 , 36.9712 (Approximate location)	-	Animal

AFFECTED POPULATION DESCRIPTION

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Species	Wildlife type	Susceptible	Cases	Deaths	Killed and Disposed of	Slaughtered/ Killed for commercial use	Vaccinated
equidae	NEW	9	1	1	0	0	8
(domestic)	TOTAL	9	1	1	0	0	8

METHOD OF DIAGNOSTIC

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CONTROL MEASURES DIFFERENT FROM EVENT LEVEL

MEASURES NOT IMPLEMENTED

ADDITIONAL MEASURES

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OB_193340 - JAMHURI POLO STABLES

OUTBREAK REFERENCE	START DATE	END DATE	DETAILED CHARACTERISATION
-	2026/06/18	-	-

FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION	SECOND ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION	THIRD ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION	EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UNIT
Nairobi	Kibra	Woodley/Kenyatta Golf Course	Other

LOCATION	Latitude, Longitude	OUTBREAKS IN CLUSTER	Measuring unit
Jamhuri Polo Stables	-1.3004 , 36.7644 (Approximate location)	-	Animal

AFFECTED POPULATION DESCRIPTION

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Species	Wildlife type	Susceptible	Cases	Deaths	Killed and Disposed of	Slaughtered/ Killed for commercial use	Vaccinated
equidae	NEW	39	1	1	0	0	38
(domestic)	TOTAL	39	1	1	0	0	38

METHOD OF DIAGNOSTIC

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CONTROL MEASURES DIFFERENT FROM EVENT LEVEL

MEASURES NOT IMPLEMENTED

ADDITIONAL MEASURES

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