

Strangles cases update

The Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory (WSVL) has isolated *Streptococcus equi* ssp. *equi* in three separate cases from Southeastern Wyoming during the month of August. The related bacterial disease is also known as Strangles. Strangles is a reportable highly contagious upper respiratory disease in horses that can present with nasal discharge and abscessed lymph nodes. Transmission of the bacteria happens generally from nose-to-nose contact with infected horses but can also occur with shared tack and feed containers.

Since 2020, 38 cases of strangles have been detected at our lab, out of 11 different Wyoming counties (please see case map). While there is no clear seasonality, we already detected 9 cases in 2023.



Strangles Cases (2020-2023)

