

New Coggins EIA Requirements and Upcoming Form Changes - January 2020

The USDA APHIS has issued new VS Guidance for laboratories (VS 15201.1) approved to test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA, Coggins test).

The new guidance calls for discontinuation of the old paper form (issued March 2014 or earlier). A new form (**dated February 2018 or later**) has been published and is available from the Pennsylvania Veterinary Laboratory (PVL). It can be shipped to our clients upon request. Alternatively, accredited veterinarians may contact their regional PA Department of Agriculture offices for local delivery.

As an approved testing laboratory, PVL will be complying with the new USDA guidance. We will continue to accept GVL and Mobile app submitted samples. It is also now required that you fill out the new VS FORM 10-11 completely leaving no section blank.

Please note following changes:

- PADLS will **no** longer be accepting the old Coggins form (**dated before February 2018**) after **April 15th, 2020**.
- All submission forms must be filled completely leaving no fields blank.
- Field 8c must be signed by a federally accredited veterinarian (Category II). Veterinarians submitting samples from equines in PA must be authorized to perform accredited work in PA.
- The PADLS will reject samples older than 30 days.
- Any requests to modify data **after testing** is completed can be made within 30 days of the sample date. A new submission form is required. Ownership or animal ID cannot be changed.
- Requests to modify submission data **before testing** is completed may include only minor alterations such as address corrections and spelling mistakes.
- A written narrative description for each horse is REQUIRED. Include distinctive markings, unique and permanent forms of identification (when present) such as brands, tattoos, scars, cowlicks, whorls and blemishes.

PADLS values you using our lab services. Please visit our website or call us if you have any questions regarding the new USDA APHIS EIA requirements or with any other questions (717.787.8808).

EIA Changes

- USE NEW FORMS
- FILL FORMS COMPLETELY
- LIMITED Report Modifications
- Narrative Description REQUIRED
- DESTROY Old Forms

Additional Guidance

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/training-and-development/video-gallery/2019/approval-of-labs>

Regional Offices

<https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/regional-offices/Pages/default.aspx>