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On May 17, the organizing committee of the Spring Gulch Horse Trials announced the cancellation of the event, to be held May 21-22 in Littleton, Colo., due to the recent outbreak of equine herpes virus in surrounding areas.

Spring Gulch Horse Trials' event secretary [Heather Peterson told Eventing Nation](#) [3] that prior to this morning's announcement of the cancellation, a quarter of the show's entries had already scratched due to concerns related to EHV-1.

As stated in the event's U.S. Eventing Association omnibus listing, full refunds will not be issued. An official statement by the Central Colorado Chapter on the [USEA website](#) [4] said, "CCC will not be able to issue refunds due to this cancellation. We will still need to pay our judges, TD, and course builder Steve Buckman. If there is any money left after paying our expenses we will issue refunds."

Officially addressing the issue, the Colorado Horse Park said, "The Colorado Horse Park is keeping in close contact with the Colorado State Veterinarian regarding the EHV-1 outbreak in the western United States. We are also working closely with our official veterinarian Littleton Equine Medical Center to ensure the health and safety of all horses that reside at CHP and that compete at our facility.

"We will be following all recommendations from both the Colorado State Veterinarian and LEMC, and are currently developing an increased health and safety protocol for horses entering our facility."

Positive cases of EHV-1 have appeared in Colorado, California, Utah and Washington State, [TheHorse.com](#) [5] reported. [5]

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