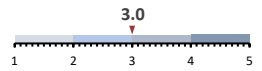


SUMMARY: RELEVANT EVENTS (includes all events rated ≥ 3.0)

COVID-19

◆ Both mink and employees at two **Utah** fur farms have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2

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NEW EVENTS: (events rated > 2)



● **Strangles in Ontario, Canada**

Pathogen: Bacteria; **Transmission:** Direct contact, fomite; **Species affected in event:** Equine

① A 3-year-old standardbred filly, which was housed in the stables at Leamington Raceway from 1-6 Aug 2020, has tested positive for strangles. About 50 horses from the raceway are in isolation after coming in contact with the horse. The infected horse likely got sick after being in the same trailer as an infected 5-year-old standardbred gelding in the Greater Hamilton area at the Emerald Isle Training Centre, which was confirmed positive for strangles on 7 Aug 2020.

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Avg. Rating	2.8
No. of Signals	1
No. of Ratings	4

■ **Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome in Washington, US**

Pathogen: Virus; **Transmission:** Direct contact, fomite ; **Species affected in event:** Porcine

① Washington state has confirmed a case of porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS), diagnosed in pigs that were illegally imported into the state. It is the first time the disease has been found in Washington. An investigation into the illegally imported pigs began on June 25. An Idaho-based livestock dealer purchased 704 pigs in May from an Iowa production facility with a Montana slaughter destination, however the pigs ended up in Idaho and Washington.

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Avg. Rating	2.3 - 2.8
No. of Signals	2
No. of Ratings	3 - 4

★ **Plague in California, US**

Pathogen: Bacteria; **Transmission:** Vector-borne, direct contact; **Species affected in event:** Human

① A South Lake Tahoe resident has tested positive for plague. It's believed that the person may have been bitten by an infected flea while walking their dog. This is the first human case of plague reported in California in five years.

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Avg. Rating	2.0 - 2.5
No. of Signals	3
No. of Ratings	4 - 5



WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

August 17th – August 23rd, 2020

CONTINUED EVENTS: (events rated ≥ 2.4)

COVID-19 Worldwide (as of August 23, 2020)

No. of Signals: 50

No. of weeks in report: 30

Avg. Rating: 1.2 – 3.0

- Worldwide, there were 23,614,293 cases of [COVID-19](#) with 813,001 deaths reported
- In [Canada](#), the National Microbiology Laboratory reported 124,896 cases of COVID-19 and 9,073 deaths: British Columbia (4915 confirmed, 202 deaths), Alberta (12,748 confirmed, 230 deaths), Saskatchewan (1600 confirmed, 22 deaths), Manitoba (944 confirmed, 12 deaths), Ontario (41,402 confirmed, 2797 deaths), Quebec (61,673 confirmed, 5740 deaths), Newfoundland and Labrador (268 confirmed, 3 death), New Brunswick (189 confirmed, 2 death), Nova Scotia (1080 confirmed, 65 deaths), Prince Edward Island (44), Yukon (15), Northwest Territories (5), Nunavut (0), repatriated Canadians (13)
- The US has reported its first cases of SARS-CoV-2 in mink on two fur farms in [Utah](#), with employees at the farms also testing positive
- SARS-CoV-2 has been detected on additional mink farms in the [Netherlands](#), bringing the total to 36

Eastern Equine Encephalitis in the US

No. of Signals: 07

No. of weeks in report: 04

Avg. Rating: 2.0 - 2.5

- EEE has been reported in humans, horses, and mosquitos across multiple states including: [South Carolina](#) (horse), [Wisconsin](#) (horses), [Virginia](#) (horse), [Massachusetts](#) (human) and [Connecticut](#) (mosquito)

SCIENTIFIC FINDINGS:

No scientific findings to report this week

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This intelligence report is intended to provide information to risk managers about emerging and zoonotic disease events that could pose a threat to Canada. It is based on information signals acquired and selected from twenty-one distinct disease surveillance sources via the Knowledge Integration using Web-based Intelligence (KIWI) tool hosted on the Canadian Network for Public Health Intelligence (CNPHI) informatics platform. The report is based on the activities of the CEZD Community of Practice and subject to change based on evolving user needs.