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· This virus can be transported by Birds, clothing, hands, and other Rabbits. It is very sturdy and can live dried on cloth at 140° for 2 days, at 68° for 105 days.

· Keep your Rabbits indoors and quarantine any new Rabbits you bring to your home for eight weeks. This disease can kill 80% of the Rabbits that come in contact with it, within 48 hours. Some Rabbits develop forms of the disease that create lethargy, jaundice, and weight loss. Within two weeks these Rabbits usually die. Some Rabbits do survive and become carriers for up to eight weeks.

· There is no cure for this disease and currently no vaccines available in the US. Prevention is the only medicine.

· Talk to your Veterinarian about suspicious deaths before burying your Rabbit. Learn as much as you can to save lives!

Contact us to stay aware of outbreaks, to learn more about this disease & prevention, or volunteer to help stop this virus from spreading. We are here to help.

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