

A Checklist for Swine Exhibition Organizers

Minimizing the Risk of Influenza Transmission at Swine Shows and Exhibitions

Prior to the Event

Work with State Animal Health Officials and State Public Health Officials

- Stay up to date on Federal and State requirements for animal movement
- Obtain the most current Federal and State requirements for animal movement to provide to potential exhibitors prior to the event
- Establish a plan should an animal develop clinical signs consistent with H5N1 or any other influenza virus
- Collect contact information for state animal health officials and local or state public health officials to ensure that they can be reached if they are needed during the event
- Establish an event veterinarian who will be present or on call during the event

Collect contact information from all exhibitors to be able to rapidly communicate information prior to, during, and after the event.

Develop and share the event biosecurity plan with exhibitors

Develop a plan should an animal show signs of influenza

- Establish an isolation area away from other animals and the public
- Develop protocols and PPE recommendations for those caring for the sick animals

Post signs near the entry and exit of exhibition area to prohibit food and beverages in the barn, contact with the animals, and to wash their hands when leaving the animal area

Ensure handwashing stations are present and fully stocked with supplies (soap, water, towels) near the exit of the animal exhibition area.

Develop signage to remind public and exhibitors of proper and recommended biosecurity

Locate food services away from barns

Gather basic supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE)

- Gloves, Masks, Goggles, Disposable Boots, disinfectants



Thoroughly clean and disinfect barns and animal handling equipment with approved disinfectants prior to the event
<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/epas-registered-antimicrobial-products-effective-against-avian-influenza#for>

During the Event

Document and oversee the arrival, stalling and release of pigs

Host an exhibitors meeting to review event protocols and important information

- Recommended hygiene and biosecurity practices
- What symptoms to look for in pigs and humans
- How to monitor and report sick exhibitors
- Specific actions to take should an animal become sick

Clean and disinfect equipment frequently and remind exhibitors to do the same

- Pens, Gates, Chutes, Sort Panels, Scales, Feeders, Waterers



If an outbreak occurs

Notify show veterinarian, State Animal Health officials (State Veterinarian), State Public Health officials

Implement Biosecurity Protocols

- Limit access to all pigs and barn areas
- Utilize PPE
- Isolate and test pigs in question

Implement communication with authorities and exhibitors

Maintain records

After the Event

Clean and disinfect

Develop a communication plan should an animal that was on exhibition show signs of illness within a week after the event.

References

<https://vet.osu.edu/sites/default/files/documents/swine-zoonotic-disease.pdf>

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