

# Biosecurity Recommendations For Organizers of Beef Shows and Events to Reduce Disease Transmission

## Before the Event

**Work with State Animal Health Officials and State Public Health Officials on requirements.**

- Provide the most current Federal and State requirements for animal movement to potential exhibitors prior to the event

**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.**

**Have local veterinarian on premises for the duration of 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.**

**This plan should include:**

- Limit the co-mingling and nose to nose contact of cattle from different herds
- Stagger stalling to allow space between exhibitors
- Prohibit shared water troughs between farms

**Should an animal show signs of sickness or disease:**

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

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

**Develop signage to remind the public and exhibitors of proper and recommended biosecurity.**

## During the Event

**Communicate with all exhibitors at the start of the event.**

- The Biosecurity plan
- Specific actions to take should an animal become sick

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

**Post signs near the entry and exit of the exhibition areas to remind visitors.**

- Food and beverages in the barn are prohibited
- Contact with animals is prohibited
- Wash their hands after leaving the animal area

**Consider closing areas of the barn during high animal traffic times (during shows) and allowing spectators to view these events from designated areas.**



## After the Event

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

**Thoroughly clean and disinfect the exhibition area.**

**Thoroughly clean and disinfect the barn area.**