



## 2013 Swine Exhibition Recommendations for Ohio Agricultural Fairs

*Recommendations for activities before, during and after swine exhibitions agricultural fairs to minimize risks associated with zoonotic influenza.*

### Before the Fair

- Establish and maintain a communication network that includes all stakeholders
- Establish a relationship with the fair veterinarian
- Establish a protocol to immediately remove sick pigs from the exhibition area
- Become familiar with the clinical signs of influenza A in both pigs and humans
- Seek veterinary assistance if pigs become sick
- Understand the risks to both humans and animals of taking a sick pig to an exhibition
- Refrain from showing a pig and herd mates for at least seven (7) days after returning from an exhibition to reduce the risk of spreading influenza
- Develop a protocol for ensuring emergency access to contact information for the fair veterinarian is available at all times and in any barn
- Identify an isolation area on or near the fairgrounds

### During the Fair

- Provide easy, visible access to hand washing stations
- Visibly post signage asking visitors:
  - Wash hands after visiting animal areas
  - Refrain from eating or drinking in animal areas
  - Refrain from bringing pacifiers, sipping cups or strollers into animal areas
- Visibly post signage asking exhibitors to:
  - Wash hands frequently
  - Avoid eating or drinking in animal areas or animal pens
  - Report any signs of animal illness immediately to the fair veterinarian
- **If human or swine influenza-like illness is associated with the exhibition, notify animal health, public health and fair officials immediately**
- If illness is suspected, people at high risk for developing severe complications from influenza, including children younger than five, people age 65 or older, pregnant women and people with certain long-term health conditions should be discouraged from entering swine areas.

### After the Fair

- Clean and disinfect the swine exhibition areas
- Isolate and observe animals daily for illness if returning home after exhibition before allowing contact with other animals
  - The isolation/observation period for clinical signs of influenza should be no fewer than seven (7) days
  - Clean and disinfect equipment, clothing, shoes and vehicles/trailers that were at the exhibition
  - Consult a veterinarian if pigs become ill and a physician if humans become ill