



Checklist for Fair and Exhibition Organizers: Reduce the Spread of Influenza A During Fairs and Exhibitions

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Develop and Share a Biosecurity Plan for the Event

Plans should avoid co-mingling cows from different herds, communicate expectations for milking healthy cows, designate isolation areas for sick cows, limit direct public contact with animals, and outline cleaning and disinfection requirements.

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Clean and Disinfect Equipment and Animal Areas Often

When feasible, clean animal areas at least once daily and between different groups of animals. Use disinfectants effective against influenza A viruses that are safe for human and animal contact. For more information, go to www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/epas-registered-antimicrobial-products-effective-against-avian-influenza.

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Ensure Adequate Ventilation

Adequate ventilation is important for people and animals. For enclosed or partially enclosed barns, increase the amount of clean outdoor air. Direct clean air so that it flows over visitors and workers before animals and minimizes disturbing dust.

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Encourage Handwashing

Place handwashing stations with running water, soap, and paper towels near the exit of the exhibition area. Encourage visitors to wash their hands with soap and water after leaving animal areas.

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Maintain Event Records

Put in place a process to document the herd of origin and identification for each animal, to enhance the speed and accuracy of any animal disease investigations associated with the fair.

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Communicate with Animal and Public Health Officials

Involve State animal health officials, State or local public health officials, and fair veterinarians in event preparations. Collect contact information for all officials in case they are needed during the fair. For more information, go to www.cdc.gov/flu/other/fair-exhibitors-information.html

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Learn More

For more information about influenza A and other protective measures, go to www.aphis.usda.gov and click on HPAI Detections in Dairy Herds on the home page.