Checklist for Fair Exhibitors: Help Stop the Spread of Influenza A During Fairs and Exhibitions



Follow the Event's Biosecurity Plan

Ask the event organizer for a copy of the plan if one was not provided to you. Avoid close contact with other exhibitor's animals and avoid nose-to-nose contact between animals. Also follow the event guidance for handling milk from lactating cows.



Clean and Disinfect Equipment Often

Clean and disinfect any equipment you bring to the event and repeat the process once you return home. 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.



Don't Share Equipment

Don't share tools, feed and water, portable milking equipment and supplies, or grooming supplies with other exhibitors.



Observe Animals Closely

Carefully observe cattle for signs of influenza-like illness before, during, and after the event. Signs include decreased milk production, reduced appetite, thickened or discolored milk, lethargy, fever, and/or dehydration. Report sick cattle to animal health officials.



Stay Home If You Are Sick

Ensure any people that will exhibit at the event do not have any symptoms of illness. If you have any animals with clinical signs, consult your veterinarian.



See a Doctor If Symptoms Occur

Consult a health care provider and State public health officials if you or your family develop symptoms of influenza-like illness; tell your health care provider that you work with dairy cattle. For more information, go to www.cdc.gov/flu/other/fair-exhibitors-information.html



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. Scan the QR code for more information about minimizing influenza transmission at dairy cattle exhibitions, including animal movement guidance.

