

HEALTH SAFETY TIPS: SWINE INFLUENZA

Fairs and exhibitions play an important role in showcasing agriculture to the public. These are some things you can do to help keep everyone involved safe.



Pig Safety

- Isolate sick pigs
- Monitor feed/water consumption
- Regular cleaning and disinfecting
- Keep pigs cool and hydrated
- Reduce pig stress
- Consider shortening the time pigs are at the fair



Public Safety

- Restrict public access to the barns
- Consider closing gates after the pigs have been at the event for 72 hours
- Visitors to animal areas should wash hands regularly



Exhibitor Safety

- Minimize exhibitor's time in the pig barn
- No food or beverages in the pig barn
- Exhibitors should wash hands regularly - even when it's their pig
- Seek medical care if exhibitors or others develop influenza-like symptoms

Reminder: The normal temperature for a pig is 101.5 – 103.5 F, if the temperature is equal to or greater than 105 degrees report to MDARD at 800-292-3939.



