

## IMPORTANT

TO: Iowa State Fair Swine Exhibitors  
FROM: Iowa State Fair Entry Department



Under the advisement of the Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig and the veterinary staff at the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship all swine exhibited at the 2019 Iowa State Fair must have a **CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) issued within seven (7) days of arrival on the Iowa State Fairgrounds.**

### **ALL SWINE CVIs MUST BE ISSUED ON OR AFTER THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

- FFA Swine – Tuesday, July 30
- 4H Swine – Saturday, August 3
- Open Class Breeding Swine – Friday, August 9
- Open Class Market Swine – Saturday, August 10

This tightened window was developed with input from veterinarians and other third-party experts. It is designed to promote biosecurity and animal health as African Swine Fever continues to spread across China and other parts of Asia and Europe. While African Swine Fever is top of mind, we stress the importance of following proper biosecurity protocols on the farm - with all species of animals - every day to protect our herds.

Please refer to the *2019 Health Requirements for the Exhibition of Livestock, Poultry and Birds at State Fair, District Shows and Exhibitions* for exact details for CVIs. Health Requirements can be found at [www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org) by selecting *Participate* and then *Competition*.

Never bring an animal to the Fair that is not healthy. Take special care to thoroughly evaluate your pigs on a daily basis, before leaving for the show. If it appears that your herd is experiencing a disease outbreak, it may be possible for your pigs to infect other animals. Even though your pigs may not appear sick, they could still be contagious. Discuss your concern with your veterinarian and together decide if you and your pigs should attend the show. Always be considerate of protecting the health of all the animals at the show.

**ALL swine brought on to the Iowa State Fairgrounds will be examined before they are unloaded from the truck or mixed with other pigs on-site.** We appreciate your cooperation and patience during the inspection process. If Fair staff or state officials identify animals that may have health concerns during unloading or while at the show, action may be taken, not limited to sending animals home or quarantine.

It is very important for you to practice good biosecurity both at the show and when returning home. Biosecurity steps to consider when you return home:

- Clean, disinfect and dry all equipment that was taken to the show including trailers, even if the show was terminal
- Isolate any returning pigs from your home herd
- Work with your veterinarian to determine the length of time for isolation and for any health testing requirements
- Monitor returning pigs daily for signs of illness and alert your veterinarian if you have concerns about your herd's health
- If your pigs do get ill, it is very important to allow those pigs to fully recover before going to another show

We look forward to hosting you and your swine at the 2019 Iowa State Fair.