# SHOW ORGANIZER'S GUIDE

## TO REDUCING SWINE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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# In this box you will find:

- ASF Awareness Posters
- Flagging tape
- PPE
  - Boot covers
  - Gloves
- No contact thermometer
  - 2 AAA batteries
- Biosecurity Do Not Enter signs
- Swientist ASF Clipboard
- Swientist ASF Flashdrive
  - Contains: All items in this handbook and additional materials

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# WHAT'S INSIDE THE GUIDE:

Best Practices
**BEFORE**
**DURING**
**AFTER**
the show

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## ▶ IMPORTANCE

- More than 150 million people visit agricultural fairs in North America
- A Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) outbreak would be devastating for more than just your show
- One of the best ways to keep animals healthy and protect pigs across the country is to practice good biosecurity at all times.

## ▶ CLINICAL SIGNS OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF)

- High fever
- Decreased appetite and weakness
- Red blotchy skin or skin lesions
- Diarrhea and vomiting
- Couching and difficulty breathing
- Abortions or sudden death

## ▶ RESOURCES FOR SUCCESS

- Scan the QR code to order your ASF Biosecurity starter kit today!
- Visit go.osu.edu/swientist for more information and resouces
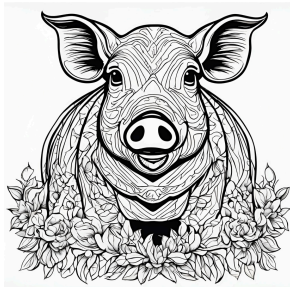
# GET STARTED: BEFORE THE SHOW

**01.** **CREATE YOUR SITE-SPECIFIC BIOSECURITY PLAN**

- Train all volunteers on clinical signs of FADs
- Ensure everyone involved has enough time to learn the plan



**02.**

**COLLECT INFORMATION**

- Names and contact information of all exhibitors
- Phone numbers for animal and public health officials
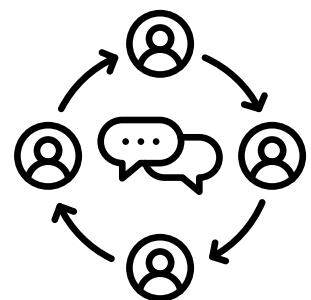- Records of swine ID and source farms

**03.** **ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIP**

- With show veterinarian
  - Should be able to test for FADs

**COMMUNICATE** **04.**

- Ensure adequate signage in and around barns
  - *Recommendations at the end of this document*
- Hold pre-show meeting with exhibitors to review regulations and rules

# DURING THE SHOW

## Starters

- Track arrival, penning, and release of pigs.
  - Consider requiring or reviewing Agview, Premises Identification Numbers, or Secure Pork Supply documentation

## Clean

- Clean and disinfect gates, chutes, sort panels, and any equipment used during weighing and identification procedures frequently, ideally between each group of pigs.

- Ensure that handwashing stations, ideally with running water, soap and paper towels, will be available near the exit of the exhibition area.
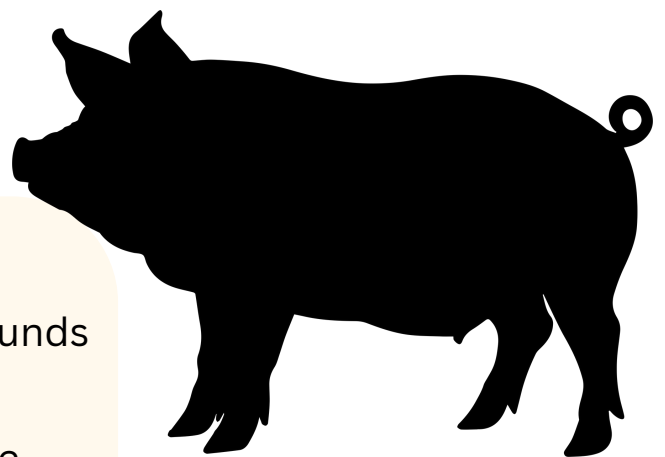
## Limit

- Limit the time pigs are congregated, co-mingled, and held at an exhibition:
- Exhibition swine should be kept on the exhibition grounds no longer than 72 hours
- Contact show veterinarian if any pigs have clinical signs similar to ASF

## Reminders

- Release pigs from the exhibition grounds as soon as possible following their respective show(s)
- Review clinical signs of African Swine Fever and the importance of preventing FADs
  - More information in back of booklet and USDA Protect Our Pigs website

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# AFTER THE SHOW

## 01 LET'S TALK ABOUT CLEAN UP

- Clean and disinfect the swine exhibition areas, including chutes and equipment.
  - You can find information on approved disinfectants for ASF and using disinfectants correctly in the appendix of this guide
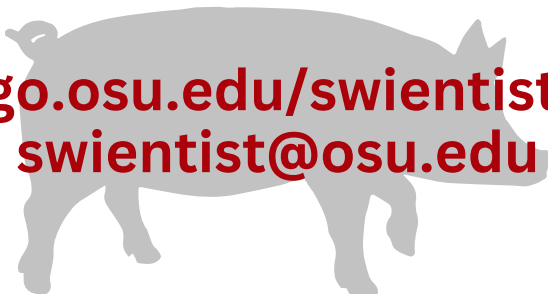
## 02 DEBRIEF

- Hold a debrief meeting with volunteers to discuss what went well and improvements for next year.

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## 03 IF NEEDED

- Consult your show veterinarian if exhibitors report illness in animals shortly after the show
  - Especially reports of clinical signs of ASF
- ASF is not a threat to human health, however there are other diseases that can infect humans at swine shows.
  - Consult a health care provider and your state or local public health department if exhibitors or family members develop influenza-like illness.
    - Inform the health care provider of exposure to swine

# RECOMMENDED SIGNAGE

**EXAMPLES ON NEXT PAGE**

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**Animals carry germs!**

**Wash your hands with soap and water right after visiting the animals**

**No food, drinks, baby bottles, pacifiers, toys or strollers in animal areas**

**Quarantine and isolation areas**