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Exhibitors:

Follow the rules for admission of animals for exhibition, chapter 5C-4. We recommend that before you plan on transporting your pig for tagging, weighing and exhibition, to first take the temperature (normal 102.3F).

If the pig presents the following clinical signs, please contact your veterinarian, and do not move your pig from the pen.

- Fever
- Diarrhea
- Breathing difficulties
- Cough
- Nasal mucoid or eye discharge
- Lameness
- Skin discoloration/ hoof redness or color change.
- Blisters and/or ulcers around the snout, mouth, and coronary band.

Biosecurity at Home.

- Always clean your hands (soap + water) before entering and when leaving the pen, after touching your pig.
- Use designated shoes and keep them at the entrance of the pen, so you can change shoes when you are entering or leaving the pen.
- Clean and disinfect the thermometer before each use.
- Do not allow anyone inside the pen without your permission, any visitor needs to follow your biosecurity protocol.
- If you are coming from a place that you have been in contact with pigs, change your clothes and shoes, and wash your hands before you touch your pigs.
- Always follow your veterinarian's recommendations for vaccination and deworming program.
- Practice good sanitation of the pen.

If you will be tagging your pig at the fairgrounds, school, etc.

- Ask the organizers to tag your animals at the trailer or they can lend you the tagging gun, you or your parents can do it. The tagging gun needs to be disinfected after each use. If

the organizers are the ones that will be applying the tag: Do not allow them to come inside your trailer, do your best, to bring that pig close to them so they can apply the tag.

- If you are taking your pig to check the weight.
- Make sure that before you unload your pig from the trailer the floor has been swept off and disinfected has been applied.
- Terminal shows: If you are at the show and your pig did not make the weight to enter the competition, your pig can return home if they have not commingled with other pigs, if your pig came in contact with other pigs that are going to be showing you will need a Health Certificate from a veterinarian to be able to be taken back to his origin.
- No Terminal shows/Breeding Shows: as described on chapter 5C-4 every animal needs to have a health certificate to be able to enter the showgrounds.
- If you are returning from a non-terminal show keep your animal separated from the rest of the group for at least 7 days and follow your veterinarian's recommendations.