



## **BIOSECURITY PROTOCOLS FOR FARM/RANCH VISITORS**

We look forward to hosting you for a visit/tour on \_\_\_\_\_[date(s)]. In preparation for our site visits and to protect human and animal health during the tour, please review the following information. By signing up to attend the tour, you agree to adhere to the following biosecurity protocols. *Closed toes shoes are required for the tour.*

Circle which will be provided: Disposable booties, gloves, coveralls, overboots, other \_\_\_\_\_

### **For U.S. travelers who have not been outside of the U.S. within 7 days of the tour:**

If you have been to another ranch or farm within the last 48 hours, you should shower, clean and disinfect your footwear, and wear clean clothing before entering the facility.

### **For international and U.S. travelers who have been outside of the U.S. within 7 days of the tour:**

Avoid contact with livestock (cattle, swine, sheep, goats) or wild ruminants/swine for 7 days prior to tour day (\_\_\_\_\_[above date minus 7 days] until tour).

### **General protocols to follow while traveling to foreign countries and upon return:**

1. Thoroughly clean and disinfect boots and footwear with an effective product before leaving the country (e.g., 1 part concentrated household chlorine bleach in 3 parts water applied after removing dirt/organic material. This must not be used on hands, face or skin. FAO AHM 12). If boots/footwear cannot be adequately cleaned and disinfected, do not use them on the tour.
2. Wash all clothing worn around animals in a foreign country before returning to the U.S. If clothing cannot be adequately cleaned, do not use them on the tour.
3. Thoroughly scrub hands with soap and water and clean under fingernails after contact with livestock or poultry.
4. Shower before leaving the foreign country, thoroughly washing hair and the body parts that were exposed to the livestock/poultry (hands, face, neck, arms, etc.).
5. Do not bring equipment used around foreign livestock or poultry.
6. Do not bring back meat or animal products from a foreign country unless inspected and approved.
7. Items such as cameras, jewelry, watches, eyeglasses, hair pieces/extensions and hats are difficult to disinfect should they become contaminated. These items may transmit disease if not properly handled – avoid wearing/using them around U.S. animals.

### **Returning home to the farm (or farm visits by international visitors):**

People who have traveled internationally should not have direct contact with pets or farm animals for 7 days after their departure from the international farm or ranch. Do not pet, touch, feed or care for animals (CDC recommendation). After the 7-day waiting period, the foreign traveler should wear clean clothing and footwear on farms.

### **Examples of foreign animal diseases of concern:**

Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD), Hog Cholera (Classical Swine Fever), African Horse Sickness, Vesicular Stomatitis, Swine Vesicular Disease, African Swine Fever, Avian Influenza, Exotic Newcastle Disease, Sheep and Goat Pox, Screwworm, among others. For a full list of diseases of concern, please refer to the [World Organization for Animal Health \(Office International des Epizooties\) Listed Diseases](#). Current disease status can be found using the disease situation search at [WAHIS \(woah.org\)](#).

### **For questions about biosecurity, please contact the veterinarian/producer/herd manager/other (circle one):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_