

Memorandum

To: Cal/OSHA Employees
Participating in ASHIP
Inspections and Consultations

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From: John Howard
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Subject: **Prevention of the Spread of Disease-Producing Organisms Among Livestock During Cal/OSHA Inspections and Consultations: Biosecurity Procedures**

Any DOSH employee traveling on and off any livestock ranches, dairies, feed yards, sale yards, poultry facilities, swine premises, slaughter houses, or other facilities where animals or unprocessed animal tissues may be encountered, shall adhere to the following minimum biosecurity procedures (based on voluntary guidelines established by the California Department of Food and Agriculture) as set forth below:

- (1) Avoid any direct contact with livestock.
- (2) Wear suitable street clothing. In the unlikely event that clothing has come into contact with livestock, or is soiled with manure, blood, milk, or other materials, change into clean clothing prior to visiting another facility on the same day (if a second inspection is planned for the same day). Place any dirty clothing in a plastic bag when leaving the establishment.
- (3) Wear footwear that can be easily cleaned. When visiting low risk areas, such as offices or homes away from livestock areas, any type of clean footwear is acceptable (or remove soiled footwear before entering clean area). Remove all dirt and organic matter when leaving a livestock facility. Place any "disposables" (e.g. latex gloves) in the trash at the establishment prior to leaving.
- (4) Thoroughly wash your hands with soap prior to entering, and when leaving, a livestock establishment.
- (5) Avoid driving through manure and wastewater. Park your vehicle away from pens, pastures, or areas where livestock may be held. Park on concrete or paved areas when available. There may be a "biosecurity area" posted where visitors can park their vehicle.
- (6) Clean ground contact surfaces of your vehicle regularly, including tires and floor-mats. A commercial carwash is adequate.
- (7) Keep all equipment used in the field clean. Avoid setting equipment down on any surface.
- (8) Keep clean and dirty clothing, equipment, and supplies separate. Designate "clean" and "dirty" storage areas in your vehicle.
- (9) Personnel who have traveled outside the United States (notably to Europe) should avoid contact with livestock, and or visits to livestock facilities, for a period of five days after their return.

The Division will be monitoring foot and mouth disease in California and will update these biosecurity procedures as developments warrant.

If you should have any questions about these procedures, please contact William Krycia at (916) 263-2803 or Michael Alvarez at (916) 263-5750. Thank you for your cooperation with these procedures.