

- If you visit other displays remember to wash your hands and clean and disinfect your footwear before you return to your display area.
- Exhibitors have to balance biosecurity and reducing disease transmission, with their approach to setting up and managing their display area. Discourage eating and drinking by patrons near your display. Patrons should also be prohibited from feeding people food and having direct contact with birds and animals.



This exhibit was constructed to assist in addressing routes of disease transmission

For more information on biosecurity at the fair, please contact the:

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Biosecurity for Ontario Fairs

Over the last few years, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in partnership with Canada's commercial agriculture sector has developed voluntary on-farm national biosecurity programs for use by several Canadian poultry and livestock production sectors. These programs are designed to help farmers keep their herds and flocks healthy and disease free. History has shown that disease outbreaks can be financially devastating to commercial agriculture and potentially even to human health.

In the last few years, there have been several serious animal health related disease issues around the world including North America that have caused human illness and had detrimental effects on agriculture. In some cases, these problems may have been spread through activities that occurred at local agricultural fairs and expositions.

The Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies with assistance from the Agricultural Adaptation Council, member fairs and exhibitors has developed some important biosecurity messages for our fair partners. Please help do your part to ensure our fair is a happy healthy place for your birds and animals to visit. These biosecurity messages are designed to remind exhibitors how they can help keep the risk of spreading diseases at the fair to the lowest level possible.

Each year over 3 million visitors attend more than 200 fairs across Ontario. Most of these fairs are also attended by thousands of farmers who proudly exhibit hundreds of farm animals, poultry and livestock. Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies is stepping up their approach to biosecurity and requests that all exhibitors of animals, livestock and poultry join them in this expanded effort.

Let us all work together to keep Ontario's fairs a safe, healthy and happy place for our animals and our guests.

Tips and Guidelines for the Fairs

Exhibitors should consider reviewing their existing pre-fair routine to determine whether there is an opportunity to enhance biosecurity at the fair.

- Inspect animals that you intend to take to the fair for signs of illness or disease. Please do not take an animal/bird that you suspect has any type of health challenge. In fact, you should reconsider attending at all, due to the fact that your remaining herd or flock is potentially infected.
- Ensure all animals' vaccinations, immunizations and booster shots are current.
- Please check to make sure you have followed all fair registration requirements, arrive, park, and depart at the locations indicated by the fair.



Clean and disinfect all equipment.

- Pay special attention to the cleaning and disinfection of boots and clothing, feed and water and grooming equipment.



Truck and crates need to be clean

- Please report any animal health issues that occur during the fair to your veterinarian and to the fair as soon as possible. Isolation of the animal is advisable.
- Ensure all bedding materials are fresh and free from any contamination.
- Do not share or borrow equipment while at the fair. If absolutely necessary, clean and disinfect the equipment before and after its use.
- Manage manure and animal waste properly in accordance with any special instructions that your fair may provide.



Provide livestock with adequate water, feed, space, bedding and ventilation.