

Swine Health Guide



Pork Industry Guidelines: Hosting International Visitors

These guidelines apply to U.S. organizers hosting international visitors that will tour farms, packing and processing plants, live and/or wet markets, research facilities, laboratories or any other location where there is a likelihood that cross-contamination could occur directly or indirectly between the traveler and animals, fresh animal products or animal excretions.

Setting up Trips/Tours

Organizers of U.S. trips/tours or those working with a third party to organize trips including tours to locations where cross-contamination is likely to occur should use the following guidelines.

International Visitors

- Must be pre-approved by the hosting organization/party and the appropriate representative for each location being visited.
- Should receive written biosecurity policies in advance of trip and provide written verification of their receipt and acceptance prior to arrival in the United States.
- Must provide written verification that they have observed at least 5 days of no contact with swine prior to arriving in the United States.
- Must shower (in the U.S.) prior to arrival to a U.S. swine facility. Also, must wear new or clean clothes and footwear that have never been worn around swine or in areas where swine are housed or pass through.
- Must not bring any personal items, other than eyeglasses that can be disinfected, can enter a site. Personal items such as cell phones, cameras, jewelry, watches, etc., must be left in a vehicle or at the visitors' lodging.
- Must avoid direct animal contact or entry into pens.

Organizers

Identify locations that meet the best practices listed below.

- Confirm that the location will provide site-specific footwear, coveralls or clothing and personal protective equipment (gloves, hairnets, safety glasses) for all visitors to wear.
- Ensure the availability of approved broad-spectrum disinfectants that can be applied to footwear to help reduce the risk of contamination after visiting locations where contamination could have occurred.
- Ensure that subsequent visits between U.S. locations, after the 5-day downtime before entry to the U.S., follow company downtime requirements. If there are no set requirements, then a 48-hour downtime should be observed.
- Designate an individual or individuals that will be responsible each day for ensuring visitors are following all biosecurity protocols.

Checklist for Location Selected for Hosting the International Visitors

- Have a site-specific biosecurity plan (specific to swine production units).
- Have a designated parking area away from animals or locations that animals are housed or passed through.
- Have shower-in/shower-out facilities (specific to swine production units).
- Provide disposable camera or site-specific camera if photos are allowed.
- Have a designated visitor escort at all times.