

## At the Show

Remember direct contact between pigs is the most common way diseases are spread. Using the principles of biosecurity and disease prevention can help to minimize unnecessary contact with unrelated swine or equipment during the exhibition.

What key biosecurity steps should I take at the show?

- a. Do not borrow or share equipment with other exhibitors.
- b. Monitor your pig daily for signs of illness.
  - Is your pig eating normally?
  - Is your pig coughing, thumping or have trouble breathing?
  - Does your pig have a fever? Does it appear depressed?
  - Does your pig have loose stools?
- c. If you suspect that your pig is sick, inform the fair swine superintendent and veterinarian.
- d. Keep your area and equipment clean.
- e. Wash your hands frequently with warm soapy water after contact with pigs or equipment.

## Other Health Concerns while at Show.

There are certain diseases that are considered to be Zoonotic, meaning that they have the ability to spread from people to pigs, and from pigs to people, such as influenza. Having a biosecurity plan in place at the show can help to minimize this potential for pathogen transfer and protect both human and animal health.

Consider the following:

- ✓ **No eating or drinking in animal areas.**
- ✓ **Wash hands frequently.**
- ✓ **Do not sleep in animal areas.**
- ✓ **If you fell ill, seek medical attention.**