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Subject: Field Biosecurity Guidelines for State/County/City Personnel Entering Premises that House Livestock and Poultry

There are several diseases that can seriously threaten animal health and the food supply. Some diseases, including influenza and bovine tuberculosis, when inadvertently introduced to large groups of animals can threaten both human and animal health. **When entering any facility that houses live animals, please keep in mind that you may be tracking disease onto the farm and take appropriate precautions to minimize this risk.**

Please adhere to the following when entering livestock and poultry farms:

- 1) Avoid farms where livestock or poultry are raised if you have a similar species at home, including *any* bird if going to a poultry farm. This precaution is particularly important for egg hatching, poultry and swine farms. Also, do not enter if you are sick – protects workers and animals susceptible to some human diseases.
- 2) Avoid visiting *live animal areas* on farms that have *similar species* within 72 hours of each other. This precaution is most important where large numbers of animals are housed.
- 3) Always wash your vehicle before entering a farm that raises animals, or park outside the gate. A commercial car wash can be used for this purpose. Park your vehicle in designated area per the company's biosecurity plan or if none, try to park on cement or paved area away from live animal areas. Keep the inside of the vehicle clean and free of any organic material.
- 4) Use good personal hygiene measures including freshly laundered clothes and showering before visiting a farm or processing facility. Clothing that has been worn in live animal areas on one premises should not be worn to another premises with livestock or poultry without being laundered between visits.
- 5) As you get out of the vehicle, put on clean rubber boots or disposable plastic shoe covers. Clean and disinfect boots between farm visits. Some facilities also require disposable coveralls, a hair net, gloves and a mask, and will supply these as needed.
- 6) **ALWAYS follow all the site specific biosecurity instructions of the farm/processing facility** including, but not limited to: registering in a logbook, answering queries about premises visited previously (used for contact tracing of animal disease), disinfecting shoes or changing into dedicated footwear, using foot baths and cleaning and disinfecting of vehicle wheel wells if they must enter a premises.

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