

Health recommendations for livestock market management

Encourage your staff and community members to protect their personal health.

Post the signs and symptoms of COVID-19: fever, cough, shortness of breath.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html>

Require employees to stay home when sick and follow these sick-leave suggestions:

- Identify critical functions and develop plans for how to staff those functions with increased staff absences.
- Emphasize cross-training and develop backup plans for those "must-do" functions.
- One sick employee staying home may be an inconvenience, but an entire team of sick employees can make it difficult to keep your business open.
- Ensure that your sick leave policies are flexible and consistent with public health guidance, and that employees are aware of these policies.
- Do not require a healthcare provider's note for employees who are sick with acute respiratory illness to validate their illness to return to work, as healthcare provider offices and medical facilities may not be able to provide such documentation in a timely way.

Clean surfaces that are frequently touched like shared equipment, computers, doors, vending machines, and any shared items.

- Use approved cleaning agents and follow the directions on the label.
- Provide disposable wipes (if available) so commonly used surfaces can be wiped down by employees before each use.

Emphasize covering coughs and sneezes and hand hygiene by all employees:

- Place posters encouraging cough and sneeze etiquette, and hand hygiene at building entrances and in other workplace areas where they are likely to be seen:
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/materials/preventbasics.pdf>
- Provide tissues and "no-touch" garbage bins for use by employees.
- Instruct employees to clean their hands regularly with soap and water.
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/handhygiene/wash/dontforget.html>
- If soap and water isn't available, provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60-95% alcohol.

Consider options to maintain social distancing:

- Evaluate the workflow at your facility to reduce interactions between people.
- Consider limiting attendance at sales.

- Limit employee meetings or hold them over the phone.

Monitor public health communications about COVID-19 recommendations and ensure that workers have access to that information. Frequently check the CDC COVID-19 website: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov

Stay up to date on developments in your community:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/situation.html>

Advise employees who plan to travel or are returning from travel:

- Check the CDC's Traveler's Health Notices for the latest guidance and recommendations for each region to which you will travel.
- Advise employees to check themselves for symptoms of acute respiratory illness before starting travel and notify their supervisor and stay home if they are sick.
- Employees who become sick while traveling should notify their supervisor immediately and should promptly call a healthcare provider for advice if needed.

Collaborate with workers to designate effective means of communicating important COVID-19 information.