

Swine Health Guide



Pork Industry Guidelines: International Travel Biosecurity

These guidelines apply for travel to international destinations that include visits to 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 international trips, or those working with a third party to organize international trips, should follow all approved criteria as they plan a trip.

- Hosts or organizers of any tour locations must provide site-specific footwear, coveralls/smocks or other clothing or personal protective equipment (PPE).
- If the host location will not provide footwear, coveralls/smocks or other clothing or PPE, make sure that disposable coveralls, footwear and other necessary PPE (gloves, hairnets, safety glasses) are provided to participants.
- Trip participants should be provided personal-sized broad-spectrum disinfectant wipes for articles that cannot be washed or disinfected in water-based solutions.
- Trip organizers should ensure the availability of in-country approved broad-spectrum disinfectants. These should be applied to footwear to help reduce the risk of post-visit pathogen transfer.
- Trip participants should be provided a summary of swine diseases of concern that exist in the countries being visited.
- Trips should be planned to allow adequate time between end of the trip and the flight home to allow for laundering of clothing in-country.
- Arrangements should be made for participants to bring or purchase footwear that can be left in-country before flying back to the U.S.

Biosecurity Guidelines

Downtime: Five nights of downtime (no contact with swine or other livestock species) in the United States after returning from the trip.

Personal Items/Clothing: In general, washable and non-washable personal items, footwear and clothing worn on international trips should never be worn on U.S. farms or locations where animals are housed or pass through, even if they are washed, disinfected and/or dried.

Washable Items: If possible, after visiting high-risk locations/destinations in-country, wash all clothing before leaving the

country. If not possible, then wash all washable items as soon as possible following arrival into the United States. These items should not come into contact with other items or be washed with any other items. Clean suitcases/travel bags that have contained soiled clothing or footwear. Consider leaving highly-soiled clothing items behind in the country visited.

Wash items using hot water. Use bleach or color-safe bleach for items that require it. Use regular laundry detergent for items that cannot be bleached. Dry using high heat in clothes dryer.

Non-washable Items: Clean the item first to remove all visible organic matter then spray or wipe with an approved broad-spectrum disinfectant according to label directions.

Electronic non-washable Items: These items should not go onto a farm site. If they reach the farm, they must stay inside a vehicle.

Footwear: Take or buy inexpensive footwear in-country for use when visiting locations where you can come in contact with: animals, places that animals have been housed, or passed through areas that may be contaminated, such as at a wet market. Leave or dispose of that footwear in-country before heading back to the U.S.

Prior to Your Flight Home: Shower, and dress in clean clothing and shoes. When showering, make sure to thoroughly wash your hair, and body. Pay close attention to cleaning hands and under fingernails. Make sure to blow your nose and expectorate during the shower.

Other Items

Inanimate Objects: No inanimate objects should be brought into the United States that had contact with live animals or were in the environment of any live animals or their excretions.

Food, etc.: No food or drink, packaged or unpackaged, should be brought into the U.S.

Declaration: Upon your return through customs, truthfully declare your international visit and animal/animal product contact.