

## BIOSECURITY: DOS AND DON'TS\*

Before ENTERING a premises,

DO:

- Park your vehicle away from site production facilities and/or ensure that your vehicle's tires, wheel wells, and undercarriage have been cleaned with soapy water so they are free of dirt and debris and/or that your vehicle has been taken through a pressure car wash.
- Designate a "clean" area in your vehicle—usually the passenger compartment. Keep it separate from the "dirty" area—usually the trunk or cargo area.
- Put on clean coveralls, boots, hat, gloves, and other apparel and use only clean equipment and supplies.
- Wash your hands with soap and water.
- Consult with the owner to identify an arbitrary line on the site demarcating a "clean" side and a "dirty" side.

DON'T:

- Enter a site's or vehicle's "clean" area unless you have disposed of or cleaned and disinfected all clothes, footwear, hats, gloves, equipment, supplies, and other sources of pathogen transmission.
- Attempt to disinfect a surface unless it first has been thoroughly cleaned (i.e., so it is free of visible organic material).
- Drive your vehicle on a premises any more than necessary. An on-site vehicle should be used for on-site transportation whenever possible.

Before LEAVING a premises,

DO:

- After returning to the vehicle area, use a brush and approved disinfectant to clean and disinfect all reusable clothing and equipment thoroughly—including personal items such as eyewear and jewelry. If these items are harmed by disinfectant, they may be washed thoroughly with soap and water or—if an acid-susceptible virus such as foot-and-mouth disease is involved—dipped in vinegar (acetic acid).
- Clean vehicle exteriors and trailers—including tires, wheel wells, and undercarriages—with soapy water so they are free of dirt and debris and/or take them through a pressure car wash.
- Place disposable coveralls (turned "inside out"), boots, and other soiled items in a plastic garbage bag to be left with the owner or placed in the "dirty" area of your vehicle.
- Dispose of the disinfectant solution according to label instructions.
- Dispose of all plastic garbage bags containing soiled supplies in a manner that prevents exposure to other people or animals.
- Wash your hands with soap and water.
- Clean and/or launder all reusable clothing and equipment.
- At the end of the day, take a shower. Personal hygiene should include shampooing your hair, cleaning under your fingernails, and clearing your respiratory passages by blowing your nose, clearing your throat, expectorating into a sink with running water, and washing your hands with soap and water.

DON'T:

- Bring "dirty" paperwork into the clean area of your vehicle.
- Visit another susceptible site until 12 hrs have passed.  
**Note:** The minimum waiting period of 12 hrs applies only to official animal health emergency personnel who follow biosecurity procedures on their premises visits. For other premises visitors, the minimum waiting period is 5 days.

**\*Additional biosecurity and cleaning/disinfection procedures are required to address the risks posed by serious zoonotic diseases.**