



Local Public Health Administrators,

Last summer, pigs at fairs in other states spread the influenza (H3N2v) to other pigs and to people who cared for the pigs. This year, a national working group was created to identify ways to reduce the risk of flu being spread at fairs. The working group report is attached to this email. While most of the measures were intended for fair organizers and exhibitors, several also impact public health.

We encourage you to discuss the suggested measures with your fair boards as part of the fair planning process that many of you already participate in. If you are not currently connected with your fair boards, we would encourage you to consider reaching out to them. Contact information for fair boards can be found at www.iowafairs.com/site/aif-member-fairs.php. This work group report is also being sent to fair boards and will be distributed to exhibitors through 4-H and FFA. Feel free to call Dr. Garvey with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for the important work that you are doing to promote public health in Iowa,

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