

Visiting countries identified by international authorities as being infected with any Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) is a concern for our industry. The Canadian swine industry is making all efforts to control and minimize the risk of bringing any FAD into our country.

One specific FAD of concern for the swine industry is African Swine Fever (ASF). ASF is a highly contagious hemorrhagic disease that affects all swine population. It is caused by a large, enveloped DNA virus and is endemic in parts of Africa, Europe and Asia.

ASF is not a concern for human health or food safety.

If you are planning to visit any ASF or FAD affected countries, we urge you to follow these protocols upon returning from your trip:

Entering Canada at any international port:

The ASF virus is very hardy and survives for long periods (months) in pork products including fresh, frozen, cured, dried, smoked and salted meat. It also persists for varying periods of time in the urine, feces, respiratory secretions and blood from infected swine. Contaminated products from countries affected by ASF, such as meat products from swine and clothing, footwear worn on swine premises or in a habitat where wild pigs (boars, warthogs etc.) exist, pose a significant risk for the introduction of the disease to Canada. Consider these biosecurity measures:

- Never bring back meat or pork products into Canada.
- Wash all clothing and footwear immediately after use in other countries. If your clothing or footwear come into contact with farms or animals during your trip, avoid bringing those items back to Canada.
- If you have come in contact with any wild animals or farm animals during your trip, do not visit any farms in Canada for two weeks following your return. This is the recommendation from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).

Before arriving at any site with pigs

- Please call ahead prior to visiting or arriving to work any of the farm sites due to biosecurity protocols.
- **Without exception, all visitors, staff and anyone visiting the site (personal/family members)** must adhere to biosecurity rules.
- Familiarize yourself with site biosecurity at least one day before you plan to visit the site or return to work. Ensure the manager/owner of the site is aware of the details of your travel.
- If you have cold or flu-like symptoms, do not visit the site until symptoms disappear.
- **International visitors or travelers:**
 - It is recommended to have at least five nights of downtime after visiting countries with FADs prior to arriving at a pig site in Canada. Some farms will have stricter rules on downtimes after visiting FAD-positive countries.
 - Do not visit any pig site in Canada if you have symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal diseases or fevers.
 - All clothing and footwear for use in Canada at farms must be clean and freshly laundered. Any clothing or footwear worn at an overseas pig site must not be worn to a site in Canada.
- All vehicles arriving to the site must be washed, disinfected and dried.

Upon arrival at a pig site

- Park in the designated parking area.
- Call the farm to ensure the staff know you are there.
- Exit the vehicle using slipover booties at all the time.
- Walk to the boot change room or barn entrance. This will vary from site to site, hence the need for advanced awareness. Doors may be locked, and you will need to be buzzed in or have a code.

Staff Entry and Exit Biosecurity Protocol

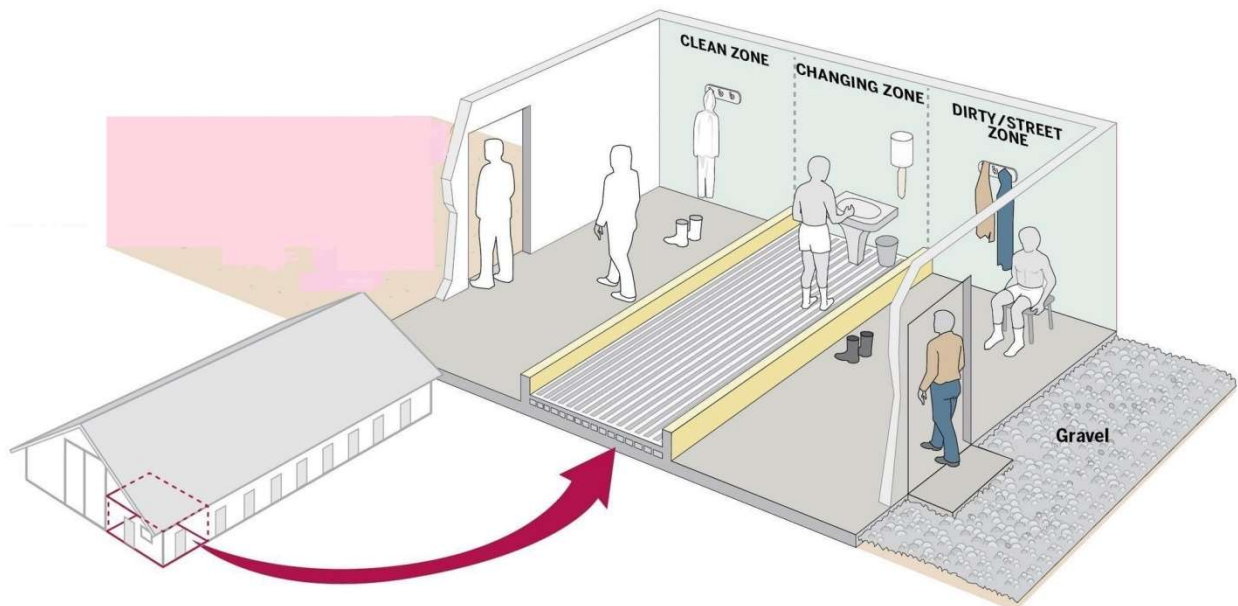


Photo: US Eggs and Poultry Association

Protocol for entering the barn:

1. Staff should arrive at the site wearing clean clothes and footwear that have not previously come into contact with livestock.
2. Always enter the barn from the main entrance. Follow biosecurity protocols/Danish entry at all times. Stop when you reach the dry disinfectant area or the boot tray.
3. On the boot tray, remove your footwear and leave them in this dirty area according to Danish entry principals. **Never step in the clean barn area with your footwear.**
4. Without touching or stepping in the dirty area, swing your legs over the barn clean area. You can then put on the designated barn footwear or step into the shower.
5. Make sure your hands are clean. Use hand sanitizer or wash hands thoroughly with soap and water. Put on your barn clothes and coveralls.
6. All personal items (e.g. hygiene products, cell phones/tablets, medication, etc.) should be left in the office area and sanitized using a disinfectant. None of these items are allowed to enter the barn/pig space.
7. Dry-cured meat products and rare-cooked meats are not allowed on farm.

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8. All visitors must sign the visitor log.
9. All staff must wash hands when coming into lunch/office areas from the barn.

Protocol for leaving the barn:

1. Remove your barn boots and step onto the clean area.
2. Remove barn clothes and coveralls. Leave them in the designated area of the farm to be washed. **Do not take clothes or coveralls to other sites.**
3. Get to the boot tray and swing your legs over the barn dirty area. Put on your footwear and leave the barn.
4. Make sure your hands are clean. Use hand sanitizer before you touch anything inside your vehicle.