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TO: Fair Boards, Extension Educators, 4-H Leaders, Swine Show Managers

FROM: Dr. Bill Barton, State Veterinarian

With the emergence and spread of the Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv) on swine farms in over 25 states across the U.S., the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) is recommending the following enhancements in biosecurity protocol for all Idaho Pork Producers and swine event managers to decrease the potential spread of the PED virus.

All show managers are advised to consider requiring a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) within 15 days of the event for **ALL** swine participants (including swine originating in Idaho). Should event managers elect to require a CVI, exhibitors should produce the CVI prior to gaining entry into the show facility. The PED virus is spread mostly through manure, so any and all precautions that can be taken to decrease exposure to other pigs and their manure is recommended. A pig may show no clinical symptoms, but still be actively shedding the virus if recently exposed, so avoiding unnecessary gatherings of pigs and individually weighing-in & tagging animals prior to the event date is highly recommended to maintain biosecurity and reduce spread of the disease.

Additionally, all swine shipments into Idaho are now required to have a statement on their CVI, from an accredited veterinarian, confirming that, in the last 30 days, none of the pigs have been exposed to PEDv or originated from a farm affected by PEDv.

PED virus does not pose a food safety concern and is not transmissible to people or other species of animals. For more information, please refer to the **Swine Biosecurity Recommendations for Organizers of Weigh-ins and Tagging Events**, published by the National Pork Board at www.pork.org. PED virus and outbreak statistics can be found on the USDA website at: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_dis_spec/swine and on the AASV website at: <https://www.aasv.org/aasv%20website/Resources/Diseases/PorcineEpidemicDiarrhea.php>