

Guidance for Livestock Movement during COVID-19 Pandemic

Animal Industry Division



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This guidance is based on what is currently known about the transmission and severity of COVID-19 and information made available by [Nevada Health Response](#). The Nevada Department Agriculture (NDA) will update this guidance as needed and as additional information becomes available. Local agencies may have additional guidance and/or requirements regarding these operations in their jurisdiction.

Recommended Precautions for Animal Movement

Animal agriculture including the transportation of livestock falls under the category “agriculture” which has been deemed “essential” under [Governor Sisolak’s directives](#). It is recommended that those transporting livestock prepare and take precautions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Animal Movement Guidance

Social distancing

- Require all individuals to maintain at least six feet of space between each other when loading and unloading livestock.
- Only have one person travel per vehicle transporting livestock when possible.

Cleaning and protecting individual health

- Require washing stations or an alcohol-based gel before and after handling animals and before and after entering or exiting the vehicle.
- Limit vehicle use to one individual. If vehicles must be shared, thoroughly clean and disinfect the vehicle between use.
- All individuals should wear [face coverings](#) when around other individuals and should refrain from touching the covering.
- When handling contact surfaces such as handles, doors, etc. use good biosecurity practices such as disposable gloves, paper towels, etc. to avoid transmission.
- All contact surfaces should be disinfected frequently.
- Follow CDC [Disinfection Guidelines](#) when cleaning and use [approved disinfectants](#).

Monitoring illness

- Monitor individuals for signs of illness.
- Anyone experiencing signs of illness should stay home, contact their healthcare provider and follow [CDC-recommended steps](#).
- If anyone becomes sick:
 - Close off areas and identify equipment used by the sick person.
 - Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area. Wait 24 hours (or as long as possible) before you clean or disinfect.
 - Clean and disinfect all areas and equipment used by the sick person, such as vehicles, bathrooms, common areas, tablets, computers, etc.

- Please reference the CDC's [Disinfecting Your Facility If Someone Is Sick](#) for guidance.

Additional Resources

Latest updates related to Nevada agriculture industries during COVID-19 can be found at agri.nv.gov/industry_resources_covid19.