

Workplace Safety and Health Inspections

Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) are conducting inspections at hog farms in Manitoba. Manitoba Pork, in conjunction with FarmSafe Manitoba, wants to provide producers and barn owners with some information regarding WSH legislation and how it impacts your operation.

Manitoba Pork has held collaborative and productive discussions with the leadership of WSH to help ensure that producers' concerns on key issues like biosecurity and identification are being addressed.

Key Facts

- 1** No matter the number of employees working in your barns, all barns are subject to WSH legislation. There are no exceptions for workplaces with few staff. This includes hog barns that are located on, or are owned by, Hutterite colonies.
- 2** WSH Officers may inspect all businesses on-site at one time or opt to inspect individual businesses at different times.
- 3** While WSH Officers are not obligated to provide advance notice to inspect barns, WSH has indicated that they will endeavour to provide such notice.
- 4** By law, employers or those who have individuals other than themselves working in their barns (including family) are required to cooperate and assist WSH Officers in their work.
- 5** WSH will follow site biosecurity protocols for entering hog barns, as agreed upon in advance with farm management. If site-specific protocols are not communicated to the WSH Officer, the officer will follow the protocol on the back of this document.
- 6** Farms are responsible for providing hygienic changing/showering facilities and clothing to allow WSH Officers to follow biosecure entry protocols.
- 7** All WSH Officers are required to carry photo identification and will identify themselves upon entering the workplace, or upon request. To confirm the identity of a WSH Officer, call (204) 945-3446, check official identification, and/or ask the individual about their specific role and responsibilities. Legitimate officers should be able to provide information about their duties, recent inspections, and enforcement activities.

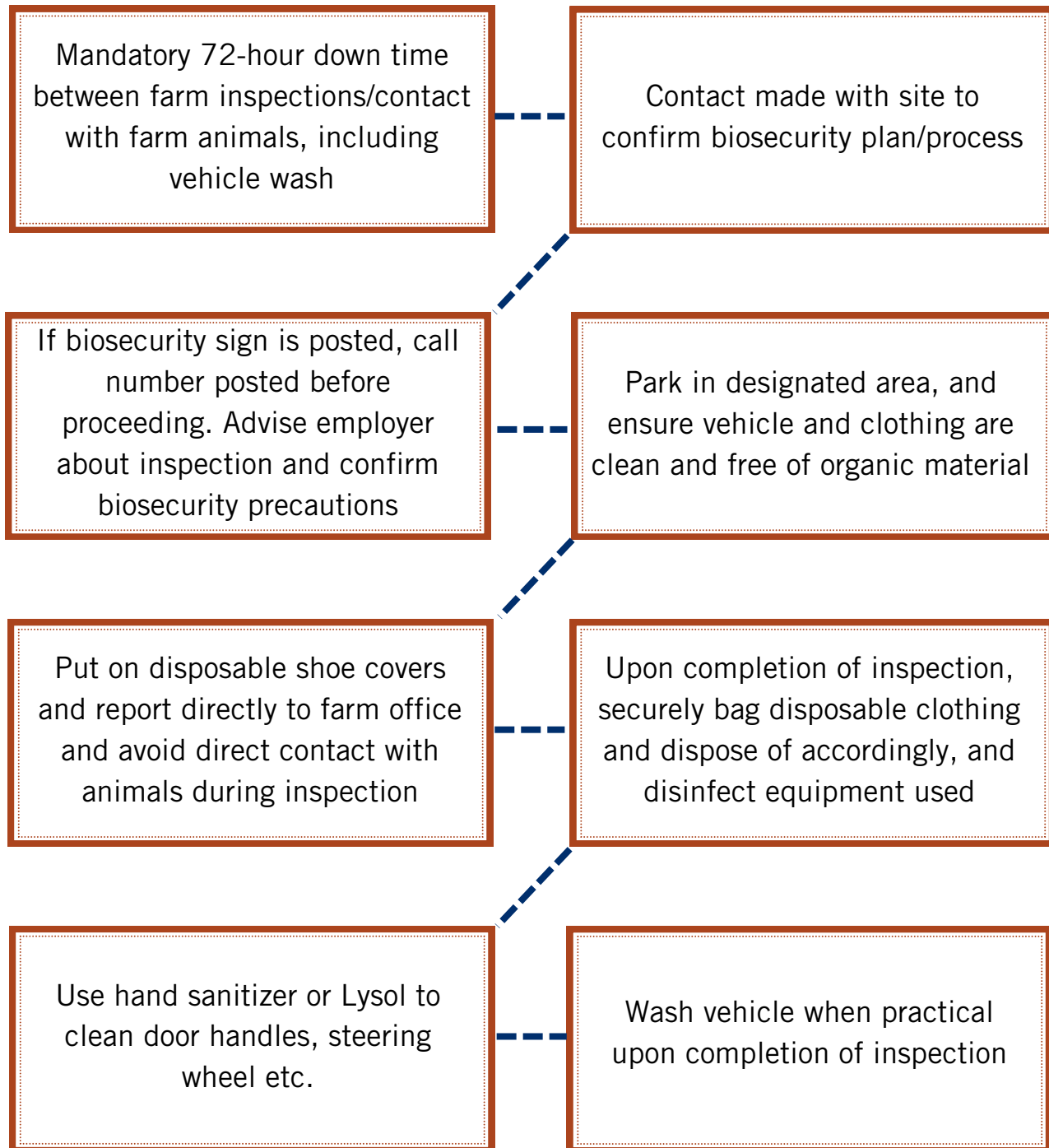


Scan the QR Code for Manitoba Pork's quick guide to all things safety and health for your farm. Having this booklet printed, filled in, and properly stored in the farm office will greatly help you succeed with an inspection.



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Biosecurity Procedures of Workplace Safety and Health



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