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## ON-SITE EXAM OPTION POLICY FOR CVI REQUIREMENTS

The Missouri Department of Agriculture has implemented new animal health requirements for cattle and swine exhibitors at fairs and exhibitions within the state of Missouri (2 CSR 30-2.040(4)(A) 1 and 2 and 2 CSR 30-2.040(5)(A) 1 and 2) beginning in 2025. Similar requirements are already in place for sheep and goats and are a proactive step toward disease prevention and traceability.

The new rules require:

1. Cattle and swine exhibitors to provide a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), completed by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days of the show.
  - A printed or an electronic version of the CVI is acceptable.
  - All the fairs and exhibitions where you intend to exhibit within Missouri over the 30-day period can be listed on one CVI. (If exhibiting in a different state, check with that state for requirements.)
2. Cattle and swine projects must be identified with an official form of identification.

Fair and exhibition organizers must verify that animals to be exhibited arrive with a CVI as well as official ID. In lieu of the exhibitors obtaining a CVI prior to the event, MDA is allowing for fair and exhibition organizers to secure an accredited veterinarian to be present at check-in to provide an exam of each animal. Animals must still have an official ID. The on-site exam meets the intent of the rule and ensures animals to be exhibited are free of contagious disease. This option may not work for all events and will be dependent upon the availability of an accredited veterinarian.

For those fairs and exhibitions wishing to utilize the on-site exam option, the following steps are required:

1. The fair or exhibition organizer must notify MDA of the decision to have a veterinarian onsite for animal check-in at least 30 days prior to the event. Notify MDA at (573) 751-3377 or [Animal.Health@mda.mo.gov](mailto:Animal.Health@mda.mo.gov)
2. The fair or exhibition organizer agrees to have an accredited veterinarian at the event on the day of animal arrival to examine the animals and determine health status.
  - Animals determined to have contagious or communicable disease or are deemed to be unfit for exhibition by the accredited veterinarian, shall be removed from the event facility, away from other animals and the public.
  - The accredited veterinarian must make a record of these exams to include the owner information and animal ID.
3. The fair or exhibition organizer and accredited veterinarian shall both maintain records for a period of one (1) year from the date of the event.
  - Records shall include the following:
    - \* Name, address and phone number of exhibitor.
    - \* Name, address and phone number of animal owner, if different from exhibitor.
    - \* Species, sex, age and official ID of animal.
    - \* Address where animal resides if not one of the above listed addresses.
    - \* Records shall be made available to MDA upon request, if needed during a disease outbreak.
4. Fair exhibition and exhibition organizers are responsible for adequately informing their exhibitors of the entry requirements and procedures.

\*It is recommended that fairs and exhibitions streamline arrival times to increase efficiency and best utilize the veterinarian's time.

Find details at [agriculture.mo.gov](http://agriculture.mo.gov) or contact the MDA Animal Health team at (573) 751-3377 or [animal.health@mda.mo.gov](mailto:animal.health@mda.mo.gov).