Healthy Pigs, Happy Pigs

How can I tell if my pig is sick?

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General signs of illness include:

- Fever, red or purple discoloration of the skin and ears
- Vesicles (sores) in the mouth, on the snout, or on feet & coronary band
- Decreased appetite, vomiting, or diarrhea
- o Bruising, or diamond shaped lesions of the skin
- o Dull or depressed mentation or neurological signs
- Isolating itself away from rest of pigs in the pen

What should I do if my pigs are showing signs of illness?

- o Contact your local veterinarian or your local CDFA district office
- o Isolate sick pigs away from your healthy pigs

What if several pigs are ill or dying?

- Do not move sick or dead pigs off your property to prevent potential spread of the disease except to deliver them to the California Animal Health & Food Safety Laboratory System (CAHFS) for necropsy.
- Report sick or a large die-off of your pigs **immediately** to your veterinarian and local CDFA Animal Health Branch district office.

Tips to keep your pigs healthy

- Isolate new pigs away from existing pigs on the farm for 3 weeks to monitor for illness
- o Limit exposure of wildlife (especially wild pigs) to your pigs
- Do not feed raw or improperly cooked food waste to your pigs. This includes food scraps from the household and from food businesses. For more information on garbage feeding, visit <u>https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal_Health/Garbage_Feeding.html</u>

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