



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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TO: Fairground Managers

SUBJECT: Wash Your Hands Signs

The Fairs and Expositions Branch (F&E) recently collaborated with the California Fair Services Authority (CFSA) to purchase and distribute more “Wash Your Hands” signs. Education is key to preventing the spread of pathogens, such as E. coli, and reducing the risk of transmission in settings involving close contact with animals, or their potentially contaminated environments. With these signs, you can increase awareness and share the importance of hand washing to help ensure that everyone enjoys your fair and stays healthy.

Available in both English and Spanish, the signs are made of coroplast and come in five different designs. Every fair will receive two of each design, for a total of ten signs. For upcoming fairs, the CFSA Risk Control Team will be distributing the handwashing signs directly to the fairgrounds during their visits. If your annual fair event has already taken place, the signs will be available at upcoming conferences.

Placing handwashing stations and displaying the “Wash Your Hands” signs in highly visible public areas around livestock entrances/exits and buildings can help prevent the transmission of pathogens. It is important to remember that even animals that appear healthy can harbor and shed pathogens that are harmful to people. Signs should be installed near the livestock areas or, if you have a consumer protection plan, in locations noted in the plan.

If you have any questions about the handwashing signs, please contact Sofia Goss of F&E at (916) 708-9548 or [sofia.goss@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:sofia.goss@cdfa.ca.gov) or Angie Cha of CFSA at (916) 263-6187 or [acha@cfsa.org](mailto:acha@cfsa.org).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

