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TO: All Fair CEO's

SUBJECT: Wash Your Hands Buttons – FY 2019/2020 Fair Season

Good Afternoon Fair Managers,

The Fairs and Expositions Branch (F&E) has collaborated with California Fair Services Authority (CFSA) to purchase "Wash Your Hands" buttons. These buttons, to be worn by fair staff, board members, livestock exhibitors, and food concessionaires will help remind fair visitors the importance of washing their hands after walking through and visiting the live animal exhibits at the fairs. For any upcoming fairs, CFSA is shipping buttons directly to your fair.

It is in the best interest of the fair and fair industry to promote hand washing and practicing proper hygiene by installing handwashing stations and signs in and around food vendors and at all entrances/exits at livestock barns and buildings. Hand washing is one of the easiest and most effective ways to prevent the spread or transmission of pathogens, ensuring that everyone enjoys the fair and stays healthy. It is important to remember that even animals that appear healthy can harbor and shed organisms harmful to people, and there is risk of transmission in settings where there is contact with infected animals or their potentially contaminated environments.

Education is key to prevent E.coli exposure and to lessen the risk of transmission in settings where there is contact with animals or their potentially contaminated environments.

To obtain handwashing buttons for your fair, please contact Kalia Mitchell of F&E at (916) 900-5274 or kalia.mitchell@cdfa.ca.gov or Melissa Thurber of CFSA at (916) 263-6163 or mthurber@cfsa.org.

Sincerely,

John Quiroz, Branch Chief
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Enclosure

