

AASV Flu Committee Meeting

Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 7 AM to 12 noon in Balboa B of the Manchester Grand Hyatt

San Diego, California USA

Chair: Marie Culhane

1. Roll Call
2. Old Business:
 - a. Revision of the official influenza position statement of the AASV (<https://www.aasv.org/aasv/position-influenza.php>)

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 - encourage veterinarians and producers to review the IAV health plan including the vaccination of swine with approved IAV vaccines according to label directions and based on veterinary recommendation for strain matching;
 - support the recommendation that people working with swine take all available precautions, including vaccination (with their human health professional’s approval), to prevent infection with influenza; and
 - recommend pork producers, swine veterinarians and diagnostic laboratories actively participate in IAV surveillance programs that provide information regarding IAV evolution and epidemiology.”
 - b. Acceptance of our **revisions** we made on 9-27-17 to the position statement

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 - support the recommendation that people working with swine take all available precautions, including vaccination (with their human health professional’s approval), **to work towards prevention of bidirectional influenza transmission; and**
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3. USDA Flu Surveillance Subcommittee Report
 - Subcommittee roster as of August 2017 SURVEILLANCE
 - a. Andy Bowman
 - b. John Kolb
 - c. Andy Holtcamp
 - d. Erin Strait
 - e. Lisa Becton
 - f. Todd Wolf

4. USDA Flu Vaccine Subcommittee Report
 - Subcommittee roster as of August 2017 VACCINE
 - a. Phil Gauger
 - b. Susan Detmer
 - c. Dave Pyburn
 - d. Doug Baird
 - e. Marlin Hoogland
 - f. Butch Baker
 - NEW:
 - g. Amy Vincent
5. USDA Flu Research Report
6. Agricultural Fairs Surveillance Report
7. VDL Reports
8. Canada Report
9. Vaccine Company intros and updates
 - a. Allow vaccine companies to clarify publically available information on their flu vaccines
 - i. we are not asking for or interested in trade secrets
 - b. Allow flu committee to ask direct questions related to above information
10. New Business
 - a. Are there new training tools for AASV members?
 - b. How can AASV members better use Fludb.org and other databases?
 - c. What should we be doing to understand flu movement and epidemiology?
 - d. What deliverables can this committee create to help AASV members and pig producers control flu now.
 - e. Create action items
 - f. Set next committee meeting date and time
11. Adjourn