

Animal Health and Care Emergency Support Function

Primary Coordinating Agency: Indiana Board of Animal Health/State Veterinarian

Support Agencies:

- State Emergency Management Agency
- Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture
- Purdue University Extension Service
- Indiana State Department of Health
- Indiana Department of Environmental Management
- Indiana State Police
- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Office of the State Fire Marshal
- Indiana Department of Natural Resources
- Family and Social Services Agency
- Indiana Veterinary Medical Association
- Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory
- Indiana Animal Care and Control Association
- United States Department of Agriculture

Animal Health and Care Emergency Support Function coordinates State assistance and activities involving a response to an animal health or care emergency or disaster. Animal health activities include but are not limited to detection, quarantine, eradication, disposal, cleaning, and disinfecting. In Animal Health Emergencies, the primary Incident Commander will be the Foreign Animal Disease Diagnosticians. Animal Care activities include but not limited to rescue, triage, treat, identify, reunify, and shelter. Regional Veterinary Emergency Directors will be Incident Commanders.

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√	Mitigation Tasks	Resource
4-43	Monitor animal health and maintain an extensive surveillance system.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Veterinarians and other animal health professionals; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association
4-44	Enforce non-emergency restrictions on the movement of livestock, meat, and related products and equipment into and out of Indiana.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture

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√	Mitigation Tasks	Resource
4-45	Identify targeted audiences for educational information aimed at recognizing, reporting, and preventing an animal disease outbreak such as zoos, local producers, slaughter houses, and auction markets	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Purdue Extension Service; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Office of Commissioner of Agriculture; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association
4-46	Identify animal populations of various species.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Purdue Extension Service; Indiana Animal Care and Control Association; Department of Natural Resources; U.S. Dept of Agriculture
4-47	Identify potential needs for specified species of animal population.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Purdue Extension Service; Department of Natural Resources; U.S. Dept of Agriculture
4-48	Identify carcass disposal facilities and methods of disposal	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Department of Natural Resources; Indiana Department of Environmental Management; State Emergency Management Agency

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√	Preparedness Tasks	Resource
4-49	Develop and maintain an Animal Health and Care Response Plan and supporting Standard Operating Procedures for a joint animal health–emergency management response to an animal disease outbreak.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; State Emergency Management Agency
4-50	Establish an in-state capability to respond on-site to detect, control, and eradicate animal diseases.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Purdue Extension Service
4-51	Identify a cadre of United States Department of Agriculture-certified Foreign Animal Disease Diagnosticians and other qualified team members.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association; Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory
4-52	Identify personnel to establish an Animal Health Field Response Team capability for large-scale outbreaks.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Purdue Extension Service; Department of Natural Resources; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association
4-53	Develop and maintain list of reportable Animal and zoonotic diseases.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Department of Natural Resources; State Department of Health
4-54	Develop and maintain an on-going public awareness campaign on all animal disease outbreaks for livestock producers, affiliated industries, and the public emphasizing early detection and reporting.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Purdue Extension Service; Office of Commissioner of Agriculture; State Department of Health; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association; Department of Natural Resources

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√	Preparedness Tasks	Resource
4-55	Coordinate with support agencies and Public Information Emergency Support Function to develop a training program for media personnel program regarding animal health and care issues and activities.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Purdue Extension Service
4-56	Designate potential animal burial sites.	Department of Natural Resources; Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Indiana Department of Environmental Management
4-57	Develop and maintain euthanasia protocol and equipment	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; State Emergency Mgmt Agency
4-58	Draft an incident-specific Federal-State Memorandum of Understanding.	U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian
4-59	Design Bio-security procedures for all state agencies	Department of Environmental Management; Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian

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4-60	Develop and maintain provisions for the sheltering and health care of animals (county fair grounds, football fields, etc.).	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Purdue Extension Service
4-61	Encourage pet owners to clearly identify their animals.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association; Indiana Animal Care and Control Association
4-62	Establish an identification protocol for all species of unidentified animals	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Indiana Animal Care and Control Association

4-63	Work with counties to develop and maintain emergency animal procedures in each locality.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian
4-64	Coordinate with Public Information Emergency Support Function to develop a training program for media personnel regarding animal care issues and activities.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Indiana Animal Care and Control Association; Purdue Extension Service; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association
4-65	Designate potential animal carcass disposal sites	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Department of Natural Resources; Department of Environmental Management; State Emergency Management Agency
4-66	Develop and maintain euthanasia protocols and equipment	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Indiana Animal Care and Control Association; State Emergency Management Agency

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√	Response Tasks - Out-of-State Case	Resource
4-67	Implement Bio-security procedures for all state agencies	Department of Environmental Management; Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian
4-68	Conduct trace-backs and epidemiological investigations regarding recent imports of animals or animal products into Indiana.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Department of Natural Resources; U.S. Dept of Agriculture
4-69	Establish and maintain border inspection activities involving incoming commercial vehicles for livestock, meat and other animal products, agricultural equipment, and other items.	Law Enforcement Emergency Support Function; Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Department of Natural Resources

4-70	Implement emergency public information and education program regarding animal health and care issues during emergency operations.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Producers' Associations; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association; Department of Natural Resources; Purdue Extension Service; Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture
√	Presumptive Positive Case, In-State Tasks	Resource
4-71	Conduct trace-backs and epidemiological investigations regarding recent imports of animals or animal products into Indiana.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Department of Natural Resources
4-72	Continue or establish border inspection activities involving incoming and outgoing commercial vehicles for livestock, meat and other animal products, agricultural equipment, and other items.	Law Enforcement Emergency Support Function; Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Department of Natural Resources;
4-73	Implement emergency public information and education program regarding animal health emergency operations and issues.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Producers' Associations; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association; Department of Natural Resources; Purdue Extension Service; Office of Commissioner of Agriculture; Public Information Emergency Support Function;
4-74	Initiate Emergency Rule making process to protect Animal Health	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian

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√	Presumptive Positive Case, In-State Tasks	Resource
4-75	Request a Secretary of Agriculture Emergency or Extraordinary Emergency Declaration as appropriate with Emergency Operations Center Representative	Governor's Office; Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; State Emergency Management Agency
4-76	Request Presidential Declaration in order to implement the National Response Plan.	Governor's Office
4-77	Establish and deploy when needed an Animal Health and Care Field Response Team to identify, contain, and eradicate the disease in each infected area designate an Incident Commander and a Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician for each site team.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Department of Natural Resources; Purdue Extension Service; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association
4-78	Coordinate with support agencies and other Emergency Support Functions as needed to establish control zones around the infected premise(s).	Indiana State Police; Department of Natural Resources; State Emergency Management Agency; Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Military Department of Indiana
4-79	Initiate steps to quarantine the infected area and contain the spread of the disease.	Indiana State Police; Department of Natural Resources; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; State Emergency Management Agency; Indiana Department of Environmental Management; Military Department of Indiana; Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association

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4-80	Conduct surveys of susceptible wildlife populations in quarantine areas and surrounding territory to determine the incidence of foreign animal disease in those populations.	Department of Natural Resources; Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory
4-81	Implement measures to prevent the movement of susceptible and carrier wildlife from quarantine areas, to include depopulating other species if necessary.	Department of Natural Resources; Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian
4-82	Conduct active case finding off-site to determine spread/prevalence via response teams	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association; Commodity Groups; Purdue Extension Service
4-83	Initiate regional surveillance/case reporting.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association; Purdue Extension Service; Commodity Groups; Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory
4-84	Trace all herds and individual animals that have potentially been in contact with infected animals or premises	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association; Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory
4-85	Consider depopulation of affected herd(s).	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Department of Natural Resources
4-86	Activate and staff an Animal Health Joint Information Center	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Public Information Emergency Support Function

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4-87	Develop and distribute emergency information to the public and the media as needed.	Public Information Emergency Support Function; Joint Information Center
4-88	Establish state information hotline	Joint Information Center
4-89	Coordinate with local fire departments and hazardous materials teams to provide personnel to implement cleaning and disinfecting procedures at checkpoints.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; State Fire Marshall; State Emergency Management Agency; Indiana Department of Environmental Management
4-90	Coordinate with United States Department of Agriculture, Communication Officers of the State Departments of Agriculture and other states on Public Affairs activity	U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; State Emergency Management Agency; Commissioner of Agriculture
4-91	Conduct coordinated livestock appraisal process prior to depopulation to assure that established procedures and valuation guidelines are followed and to resolve any disputes.	Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician; Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture

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4-92	Conduct appraisal and indemnification determination process.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Private Contractors
4-93	Conduct depopulation procedures	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian State Emergency Management Agency; Department of Natural Resources; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Private contractors

4-94	Conduct disposal process of animal carcasses and other contaminated materials utilizing qualified resources including public works and transportation personnel and equipment.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Indiana Department of Transportation; Military Department of Indiana; Indiana Department of Environmental Management; Private contractors
4-95	Implement cleaning and disinfecting procedures on sites in coordination with local officials and personnel. Monitor to assure compliance.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; State Fire Marshal; Military Dept of Indiana Indiana; Department of Environmental Management
4-96	Evaluate conditions and consider continuation or removal of quarantine as conditions warrant.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture

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√	Response Tasks	Resource
4-97	Activate Veterinary Emergency personnel, based on incident.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian
4-98	Coordinate rescue, transport, shelter, identification, triage and treatment of animals	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association; Indiana Animal Care and Control Association; Purdue Extension Service; State Emergency Management Agency

4-99	Execute agreements to procure use of facilities, equipment, and supplies.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Resource Support Emergency Support Function; Purdue Extension Service; State Emergency Management Agency; Indiana Animal Care and Control Association
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√	Recovery Tasks	Resource
4-100	Identify and implement all appropriate Federal and State programs, support mechanisms, and technical services that can directly assist impacted individuals, and public and private entities with the process of recovering from the effects of a highly contagious disease outbreak.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; State Emergency Management Agency ; Office of Commissioner of Agriculture; U.S. Dept of Agriculture
4-101	Request indemnity funds from United States Department of Agriculture-APHIS to indemnify the impacted owners of livestock.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture; State Emergency Management Agency
4-102	Coordinate with United States Department of Agriculture to determine conditions for repopulating.	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture
4-103	Coordinate with Federal Emergency Management Agency in order to facilitate appropriate federal disaster assistance in accordance with the Federal Response Plan.	State Emergency Management Agency; Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian
4-104	Develop and implement a public awareness campaign to re-establish consumer confidence in meat and dairy products.	Indiana State Department of Health; Office of Commissioner of Agriculture; Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian

4-105	Identification of displaced animals	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Indiana Animal Care and Control Association; Purdue Extension Service; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association
4-106	Return of Animals to owner/farmer	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Indiana Animal Care and Control Association; Purdue Extension Service; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association
4-107	Re-establish livestock markets / operations/ animal product markets	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; U.S. Dept of Agriculture
4-108	Provide for abandoned animals	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Indiana Animal Care and Control Association; Purdue Extension Service; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association
4-109	Provide disaster information for animal owners/producers	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Indiana Animal Care and Control Association; Purdue Extension Service; Indiana Veterinary Medical Association; Public Information Emergency Support Function
4-110	Provide animal product handling and consumption information to the public	Board of Animal Health/ State Veterinarian; Purdue Extension Service; Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture; State Department of Health; Public Information Emergency Support Function