

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

Pig farm information



How is it spread?

This virus is passed on directly, through contact with an infected person's body fluids (e.g. from coughing or sneezing) or indirectly through contaminated surfaces (e.g. surfaces a person has coughed or sneezed on). The information currently available suggests that the virus can survive from a few hours to a few days on certain surfaces but it can be easily killed with disinfectants.

Symptoms



A high temperature (38 °C or above)



A cough of any kind but generally dry



Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties

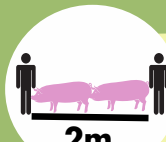


General muscle aches & fatigue



If you develop symptoms stay home, DO NOT come to work & phone GP

Prevention



Keep a distance of at least 2m (~2 finisher pigs) from other people



Wash your hands with soap often & thoroughly



Clean & disinfect shared areas often (e.g. toilet, canteen, changing area)



Avoid touching face with unwashed hands



Cover cough or sneeze with tissue or elbow & discard tissue

Farm considerations



Order all feed & medical supplies in ample time



Provide all essential employees with a letter confirming need to travel



Only essential visitors may enter unit & must sign a visitor declaration



Ensure a staff contingency plan is in place

The Teagasc Pig Development Department Advisory team are available to discuss any concerns. Our website has more details including detailed staff plans, a visitor declaration form, an essential staff template letter and links to reliable information.