

COVID-19: BEST PRACTICE

Affiliated Industries

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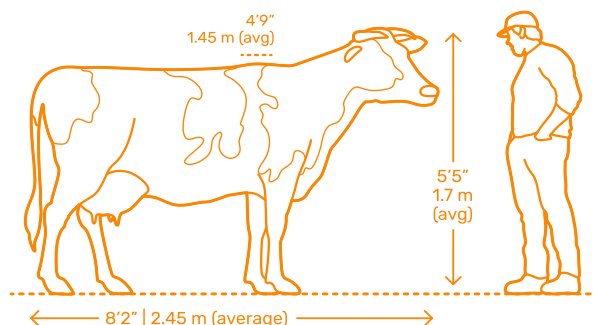


BEFORE YOU VISIT:

- ✓ Is your visit **essential**? Could it be carried out remotely or delayed?
- ✓ Check all farm staff are healthy and not experiencing any signs of Covid-19 and will adhere to social distancing.
- ✓ Check whether there are high risk individuals present on the farm.
- ✓ If a client is experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 or is high risk, ensure that they are not present during the visit and communicate digitally.

DURING THE VISIT:

- ✓ Wear clean, disinfected protective clothing.
- ✓ Wear gloves, change these regularly and do not touch your face.
- ✓ **OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING: Stand at least 2m (a cow length) away at all times.**
- ✓ Where face to face interaction is inevitable then this should only be with **ONE person** per visit.
- ✓ If the client is required to assist in handling or restraint, then ensure that they also wear clean gloves.
- ✓ Where social distancing would normally not be possible for a procedure then consider all options of reducing risk. **Safeguarding human health is the priority.**
- ✓ **Do not enter the farmhouse or any other residential area and do not accept any drinks or food.**
- ✓ Before leaving the farm ensure that you disinfect any areas that you may have touched/come into contact with and could act as a fomite in the event you are infected with Covid-19 but not yet displaying symptoms.
- ✓ Fully disinfect all PPE and equipment at the end of the visit and wash your hands thoroughly.
- ✓ Do not leave paperwork on farm and instead communicate digitally.



FURTHER ADVICE:

- ✓ Only visit **one farm per day** and **keep time on the farm to a minimum.**
- ✓ Ask clients to inform you if any of the farm team display Covid-19 symptoms within 14 days of your visit.
- ✓ Keep all vehicles clean, tidy and regularly disinfect all surfaces which are touched regularly (steering wheel, door handles etc.)
- ✓ Follow Government guidelines if you start to display symptoms of Covid-19 and inform all clients that you have visited in the last 14 days.

Disclaimer: This factsheet is based on available advice as on 25.03.2020.

Please continue to check the official Government and RCVS guidelines:

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