



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



Guidance to Prevent Respiratory Viruses like SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza on Mink Farms

Background about Mink

Mustelidae

Mustelidae

Neogale

Neogale vison

Neovison vison

Mink and SARS-CoV-2

Risk of Mink Spreading SARS-CoV-2 to People

Influenza (Flu) Viruses Affecting Birds and Mammals Including Mink

Mink and Flu

Risk of Mink Spreading Flu Viruses to People

Recommendations to Reduce the Risk of Introducing Respiratory Viruses to Farmed Mink

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Recommendations to Protect Animals and People from SARS-CoV-2 and Flu on a Mink Farm

Recommended Biosecurity Measures on the Farm

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- **Prevent ill workers and visitors from accessing the farm:**

Clinical Signs of Respiratory Virus Infection in Mink

Clinical signs of SARS-CoV-2

Clinical signs of flu

Testing for Respiratory Viruses in Mink

Recommendations for Mink Producers and Workers Who Suspect Mink
are Infected

Sample Collection and Testing of Mink for SARS-CoV-2 or Flu

Next Steps If SARS-CoV-2 or Flu Is Detected in a Mink Herd

Recommendations for Protecting Mink Producers and Workers around Healthy Animals

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Recommendations for Protecting Mink Producers and Workers around Sick Animals

Stay up to date on vaccines.

Minimize contact with sick or dead animals

Always immediately [wash your hands](#)

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Use a NIOSH Approved® particulate respirator with N95® filters or higher, gown, gloves, eye protection (e.g., goggles or face shield), and shoe or boot covers around sick animals.

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Recommendations to Educate and Train Workers to Reduce the spread of COVID-19 and Flu



Recommendations for Mink Farm Producers and Worker Protection around Carcasses and Pelts

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Information on Carcass Disposal

Additional Resources

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References:

Viruses
