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Dear Feedlot Council member,

Nebraska Cattlemen (NC) understands that this is a difficult time for everyone as we travel through uncharted waters with the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, NC would like to do what we can in order to help guide your business through this process. Please refer to [this statement](#) on what you need to consider.

Our member's health is a top priority, and we recommend that your operation has a current protocol for this virus. Communications are vital. Letting your customers and employees know you have a plan to protect their health is helpful.

Please refer to the example below from Darr Feedlot Inc:

**Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
What is Darr Feedlot Inc. doing now?**

Restricting Access- Feedyard is restricted only to employees and essential vendors. Essential vendors must be approved by management and added to list.

Traceability- All outside vendors must sign in before accessing feedyard

- North- Feedyard office-Approved Vendors, Processing Barn-OVS, Mill-AHI
- South- Feedyard office-Approved Vendors, Processing Barn-OVS, Mill-AHI

Prevent Exposure- Identify Critical Control Points

- Perform routine cleaning
- Emphasize respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene
- Be smart while in your community

Identify & Separate Sick Employees

- If sick go home and check in with Dr. and health provider
- If diagnosed with Covid-19 or exposed to someone who is contact manager by phone and we will follow CDC guidance plan

Communicate

- Have every employee write down cell phone #
- Darr Feedlot Inc Covid-19 plan handout
- Form letters are ready to distribute if known exposure of Covid-19 changes
- Inform Local Health Department

Step Up and Take This Seriously!

- Protect our Families and Communities
- Provide high-quality Beef to feed the world!

Steps to follow if an employee reports a positive test for COVID-19 or exposure to someone who has:

1. Isolate the Employee

- Follow CDC guidelines and local health department
- Currently 14-day quarantine

2. Notify the Workforce

- Will not identify the individual but will update exposure status

3. Coordinate with Local Health Department

4. Communicate with Infected/ Exposed Employee to Gather Information

- Focus on employees/vendors who they have been in contact with
- Focus on where they have been present

5. Communicate with Individuals Exposed to the At-Risk Employee

6. Disinfect the Workplace

7. Prepare for additional issues likely to arise

- How to handle the workload of an absent employee
- Sick pay
- Legal
- Media

For other updates on COVID-19, [click here](#).

Please let us know if we can do anything further.

Sincerely,

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