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From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Cindy Burnett
Cc: Barton Behravesh, Casey (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD); Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP); Wendling, Natalie (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD); Carpenter, Ann (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD); Harvey, Reid (CDC/NIOSH/RHD/FSB); Amman, Brian R. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP); cdceisnml@utah.gov; Nakashima, Allyn (CDC utah.gov); Dunn, Angela (CDC utah.gov); Towner, Jonathan (Jon) (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP); melissastevens@utah.gov; LaFevre, Sam (CDC utah.gov); bbarbeau@utah.gov; Borski, Heather (CDC utah.gov); hrettler@utah.gov; Amanda Price; Ralph Clegg
Subject: Re: Contact Info for CDC team

All,
I have spoken with all three farms last evening and this morning. They all have some reservation allowing traffic of any kind on their facilities. They have agreed to speak with Dr Barton Behravesh to understand the plan better. I will be calling her with the contact information and will be giving Cindy an update as well.
Thank you for the assistance.
Dean

On Sun, Aug 16, 2020 at 11:41 PM Cindy Burnett <cburnett@utah.gov> wrote:
Thank you!

Contact info for the Utah Team is below:

Hannah Rettler	Zoonotic Diseases Epi (UDOH Lead)	(414) 861-4005
Dr. Nathaniel Lewis	EIS Officer	(518) 956-1738
Cindy Burnett	DREAM Program Manager	(385) 249-0195
Dr. Angela Dunn	State Epidemiologist	(385) 228-3380
Dr. Allyn Nakashima	Deputy State Epidemiologist	(801) 783-6745
Bree Barbeau	DREAM-Investigation & Response Team Lead	(385) 321-1823
Dr. Dean Taylor	State Veterinarian	(385) 290-9462
Dr. Amanda Price	Assistant State Veterinarian	(801) 386-4189

Ralph Clegg, the Director of the Utah County Health Department will be assigning a lead from their agency as well. I will let you know once I have their contact information.

As mentioned, the Team should report to the Utah Department of Health, 288 N 1460 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84116. The affected farms are located in Lake Shore, Utah, about an hour south of Salt Lake City. Provo and Spanish Fork are the closest towns with hotels.

The Utah Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, which is run by Utah State University, is located in Spanish Fork, Utah, not far from the mink farms. The Utah Public Health Laboratory is located at 4431 S. 2700 W., Salt Lake City. They routinely provide courier service between the Utah County Health Department and Utah Valley Hospital in Provo and STAT courier service is available. We could also potentially deploy a mobile testing team to the area for human testing, if needed.

We are looking forward to seeing the team on Tuesday!

Thank you,
Cindy

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On Sat, Aug 15, 2020 at 12:26 PM Barton Behravesh, Casey (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD) <dlx9@cdc.gov> wrote:

Dear Utah colleagues,

I've included names, email, and mobile phone numbers for the CDC team that will be traveling to Utah as well as those of us who will be supporting from CDC HQ. We will be in touch in the near future with details on our travel schedule. Thank you for inviting CDC to come and support Utah to investigate this important One Health issue.

Utah Field Team

Dr. Caitlin Cossaboom	nrm9@cdc.gov	443-880-2172
Dr. Natalie Wendling	pme8@cdc.gov	843-814-0706
Dr. Reid Harvey	iez1@cdc.gov	615-268-4534
Dr. Brian Amman	cxx1@cdc.gov	770-596-0929

CDC HQ Team

Dr. Casey Barton Behravesh	dlx9@cdc.gov	404-729-4107
Dr. Ann Carpenter	pzy4@cdc.gov	703-994-8453
Dr. Jon Towner	jit8@cdc.gov	404-825-8182

Kindest Regards,

Casey

Casey Barton Behravesh MS, DVM, DrPH, DACVPM

Captain, U.S. Public Health Service

Director, One Health Office

CDC COVID-19 One Health Working Group Lead

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www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/pets-other-animals.html

www.cdc.gov/onehealth

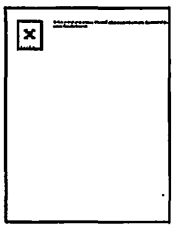
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From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Tom Baldwin
Subject: Re: FW: [EXT] Re: Mink with suspect SARS-CoV-2

Tom,
Amanda did this. Our domestic elk manger has now moved to another department and that program is on my lap with depopulations for CWD going on and trying to hire. I am just now getting to emails. Sorry so slow to respond. I spoke with Dr Lott this morning about the mink and he will keep me informed.

On Mon, Aug 10, 2020 at 8:54 AM Tom Baldwin <tom.baldwin@usu.edu> wrote:

> Dr. Taylor,
>
> Could you please reach out to Dr. Baszler and let him know it is okay with you (if it is) to test these samples?
>
> Thanks,
>
> Tom
>
> **From:** Baszler, Timothy V <baszlert@wsu.edu>
> **Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2020 8:50 AM
> **To:** Tom Baldwin <tom.baldwin@usu.edu>; Snekvik, Kevin Roy <ksnek@wsu.edu>
> **Cc:** Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
> **Subject:** [EXT] Re: Mink with suspect SARS-CoV-2
>
> Hi Tom
>
> Good to hear from you. Hope all is well and healthy with you and your family.
>
> WADDL can certainly test the mink samples. We have done so on some mink farms in WA. Lung is good sample to send but better, at least according to experimental infection studies in ferrets (see attached), are upper respiratory samples, especially if the mink have no

or mild clinical respiratory signs. Those samples would be nasal swab (turbinate swab from necropsy??), pharyngeal swab, tonsil swab (all in viral transport media). Also fecal (rectal) swab in viral transport media since the virus can also replicate in the GI tract (ACE2 receptors there as well). WADDL would check by PCR on the swabs and tissue samples for active infection. If you have trizol to put the tissue samples in that would be ideal.

Lastly, a serum sample to check for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies. WADDL is not up and running an antibody test yet but could forward those to NVSL if needed.

Also, the regulatory procedures for SARS-CoV-2 testing in animals requires approval from the state veterinarian where the animals reside. If you could get the state vet to send me an email with that approval, that would be great.

Let us know when to expect the samples and we will be looking for them.

Best,

Tim

Tim Baszler, DVM, PhD

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From: Tom Baldwin <tom.baldwin@usu.edu>
Date: Monday, August 10, 2020 at 7:13 AM
To: "Baszler, Timothy V" <baszlert@wsu.edu>, "Snekvik, Kevin Roy" <ksnek@wsu.edu>
Cc: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Subject: Mink with suspect SARS-CoV-2

Tim and Kevin,

We have a number of mink farms in which adult mink are dying at concerning rates. Moreover, farm personnel are experiencing upper respiratory infections and one farm manager has died from SARS-CoV-2 infection. I have about 20 mink coming to me today for postmortem examination. I am hoping to send samples to you for PCR testing as we are not up and running yet with our assay. I was planning on sending you lung but are there other samples that you want/prefer?

I hope each of you and your family members are healthy and virus-free.

Best,

Tom

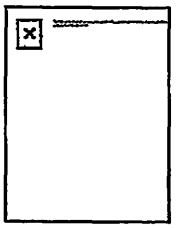
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From: Kerry Rood <kerry.rood@usu.edu>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 3:26 PM
To: Cindy Burnett
Cc: Amanda Price; Hannah Rettler; Dean Taylor
Subject: Re: [EXT] Re: Trap, Neuter, Release SOP

Be happy to chat. What time? My cell number is [redacted]

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From: Cindy Burnett <cburnett@utah.gov>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 3:24:01 PM
To: Kerry Rood <kerry.rood@usu.edu>
Cc: Amanda Price <amandaprice@utah.gov>; Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>; Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Subject: [EXT] Re: Trap, Neuter, Release SOP

Thank you!

Dr. Rood and Dr. Taylor, will you please call me tonight or tomorrow if you have time?

Thank you!
Cindy

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On Sat, Aug 15, 2020 at 2:23 PM Kerry Rood <kerry.rood@usu.edu> wrote:

> Here is an link to a folder containing an SOP I developed for USU's TNR associated with our farms. It could easily be modified.
>
> https://usu.box.com/s/gslqb528bcbu3y1ht1qfwgb9y92zq24f
>
> Kerry

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From: Cindy Burnett <cburnett@utah.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Dean Taylor
Subject: Re: CDC Team arriving today

Sounds good.

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On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 10:48 AM Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov> wrote:
I will walk over immediately following the covid response call.
Thanks

On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 10:12 AM Cindy Burnett <cburnett@utah.gov> wrote:
Great! Just come to the main entrance at the front and check in with security. They will call me and let me know you are here.

I am going to meet them at the airport to help them load up their equipment. If it looks like we are going to be later than 2:00 I will call you on your cell phone.

Thanks!
Cindy

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On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 10:07 AM Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov> wrote:
We can walk over there at 2:00. I have only been to your building once. Where should we come?
Dean

On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 9:41 AM Cindy Burnett <cburnett@utah.gov> wrote:
Hi Dr. Taylor and Dr. Price,

The first two members of the CDC Epi Aid team are arriving today at 1:00pm. We are planning to have a quick introductory meeting here at the Cannon Building and then they will head to the USU Veterinary Diagnostic Lab in Spanish Fork. They need to be there by 5:00.

We would love to have you join us here at 2:00 or they could come over to your building to meet you after they come here.

Let me know if that would work with your schedule.

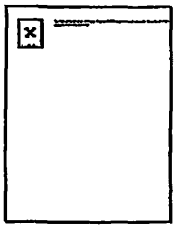
Thank you,
Cindy

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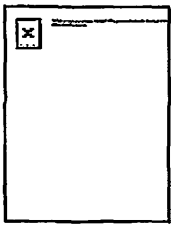
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From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 9:39 AM
To: Amanda Price
Subject: Fwd: Connecting Dr. Torchetti and Dr. Taylor to clarify mink samples sent

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From: **Hannah Rettler** <hrettler@utah.gov>
Date: Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 6:58 PM
Subject: Re: Connecting Dr. Torchetti and Dr. Taylor to clarify mink samples sent
To: Torchetti, Mia Kim - APHIS <mia.kim.torchetti@usda.gov>
Cc: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>, Jeffery Hall <jeffery.hall@usu.edu>, tom.baldwin@usu.edu <tom.baldwin@usu.edu>

Excellent!

On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 5:47 PM Torchetti, Mia Kim - APHIS <mia.kim.torchetti@usda.gov> wrote:

> Thanks much – Dr. Taylor and I are in touch!
>
> **From:** Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2020 6:39 PM
> **To:** Torchetti, Mia Kim - APHIS <mia.kim.torchetti@usda.gov>; Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>; Jeffery Hall <jeffery.hall@usu.edu>; tom.baldwin@usu.edu
> **Subject:** Connecting Dr. Torchetti and Dr. Taylor to clarify mink samples sent
>
> Hello Dr. Torchetti and Dr. Taylor - I am sending this message to connect you two (if you have not already) to clarify the origin/farms of the 5 initial specimens sent to NVSL. I have also copied in Dr. Jeffery Hall who is covering for Dr. Baldwin over the next few days. Please let me know if there is anyone else who you need to connect with that I can help you with. Thank you for all that you are doing!!
>
> --
>
> Hannah Rettler, MPH
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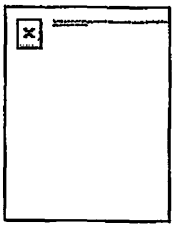
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From: David Wilson <david.wilson@usu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 4:21 PM
To: Dean Taylor
Subject: Mink COVID numbers etc.

Dean: I got involved in this mink outbreak through Jason Lott initially. As these conference calls have progressed, Kerry Rood has been urging me to do something I had been wondering about as well. That is to ask you if I can be of any help in getting numbers and history recorded, particularly through Jason Lott but maybe through others as well if needed, about this outbreak. I do not want to interfere or duplicate what Bob or anyone else in your group may be doing regarding that.

Jason has expressed interest in doing something he and I have done before, being part of a paper on the mink outbreak. If you or others at UDAF are interested in that later, we would be glad to include in that also. For now, would it be of help if I continue to work to get the numbers and the history recorded?

Dave

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From: Jodee Baker <jodeebaker@utah.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 11:01 AM
To: Linda Bogdanow
Cc: Amanda Price; Brose, Katie R - APHIS; Bryan Smith; Dean Taylor; Dustin Durfee; Echols Rebecca; Hannah Rettler; Jane Kelly; kerry.rood@usu.edu; Kimberly Christensen; Kimberly Hersey; Landon Wiggins; Nancy Arbon; Ryan Hill; Willy Lanier
Subject: Re: Email address for Joe Wilson?

Thank you!

On Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 10:58 AM Linda Bogdanow <LBogdanow@slco.org> wrote:

> Here is his website and email...
>
> https://biology.usu.edu/about/faculty/joseph-wilson
>
> Email: joseph.wilson@usu.edu
>
> Linda
>
> **From:** Jodee Baker <jodeebaker@utah.gov>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, September 1, 2020 10:46 AM
> **To:** Amanda Price <amandaprice@utah.gov>; Brose, Katie R - APHIS <Katie.R.Brose@aphis.usda.gov>; Bryan Smith <bsmith@co.davis.ut.us>; Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>; Dustin Durfee <ddurfee@utah.gov>; Echols Rebecca <rebeccaechols@comcast.net>; Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>; Jane Kelly <ejkelly@cc.usu.edu>; kerry.rood@usu.edu; Kimberly Christensen <kchriste@utah.gov>; Kimberly Hersey <kimberlyasmus@utah.gov>; Landon Wiggins <landon.wiggins@ihs.gov>; Linda Bogdanow <LBogdanow@slco.org>; Nancy Arbon <narbon@utah.gov>; Ryan Hill <CHill@slco.org>; Willy Lanier <william.lanier@fsis.usda.gov>
> **Subject:** Email address for Joe Wilson?
>
> Hi everyone!

Does someone have an email address for Joe Wilson? I'm trying to get in touch with him regarding our decisions for the symposium and wanted to see if and when he could present.

Thanks!

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From: Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 5:12 PM
To: Alessandro Rossi; Michelle Grossman
Cc: Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP); Dean Taylor
Subject: NP swabs and serology supplies

Hi both,

I made the mistake of returning the NP swabs and serology supplies that you both helped to kindly lend to us for the farm investigation. Do either of you know if those supplies are still stored at specimen receiving at UPHL and would possibly be available for me to pick up tomorrow morning? We may have an opportunity to test one of the other farms that we previously were not permitted access to, and we are trying to set something up last minute to see if we can go on farm to collect human samples tomorrow. If these are still available at specimen receiving, please let me know and I will stop by in the morning. Thank you!!

--

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From: Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 9:03 PM
To: Dean Taylor
Subject: Re: numbers

Hi Dean,

Thank you! We haven't been able to get in touch with [redacted] unfortunately. Will try again tomorrow though and will let you know as soon as we hear from them!

Caitlin

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From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 8:45:11 PM
To: Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: numbers

[redacted] indicated he would speak with your epidemiologist at length to provide a timeline and accurate numbers. I think [redacted] will as well.
Dean

On Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 3:35 PM Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov> wrote:
Will work on this tomorrow!

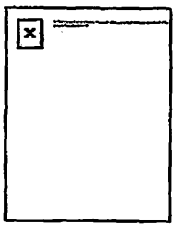
Caitlin

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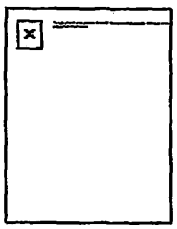
From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 1:02:36 PM
To: Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov>
Subject: numbers

Hi Caitlin,
When you get the total numbers of deaths, susceptible animals etc from the owners would you forward them to me so that I can provide the pertinent information to the OIE report.
Thank you
Dean

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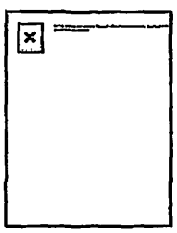
Melissa Ure

From: Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Dean Taylor
Subject: Re: numbers

Thank you for providing all of this information Dr. Taylor!!

On Fri, Aug 28, 2020 at 10:59 AM Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov> wrote:

> You now have all the numbers that I have with regards to this. There is more information that will need to be shared forthcoming.
> Dean
>
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From: Annette Roug <aroug@utah.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 8:10 AM
To: Dean Taylor
Cc: Deliberto, Thomas J - APHIS; Zierenberg, Jared R - APHIS; Gidlewski, Thomas - APHIS; Kohler, Dennis - APHIS; kimberlyasmus@utah.gov
Subject: Re: Wildlife investigation Summary

Works for me

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 2, 2020, at 07:59, Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov> wrote:

That will work fine for me. I'll plan on it.

On Wed, Sep 2, 2020 at 7:57 AM Deliberto, Thomas J - APHIS <thomas.j.deliberto@usda.gov> wrote:

How about Friday morning at 10 am then?

Tom

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To: Annette Roug <aroug@utah.gov>

Cc: Deliberto, Thomas J - APHIS <thomas.j.deliberto@usda.gov>; Zierenberg, Jared R - APHIS <jared.r.zierenberg@usda.gov>; Gidlewski, Thomas - APHIS <thomas.gidlewski@usda.gov>; Kohler, Dennis - APHIS <dennis.kohler@usda.gov>; kimberlyasmus@utah.gov
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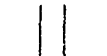
Either time will work for me. I will be at UVDL for part of that day but do not know the exact time yet. Likely early afternoon. I would appreciate knowing more about your findings.

On Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 8:02 PM Annette Roug <aroug@utah.gov> wrote:

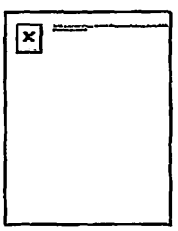
Thank you very much. I am in the field one only back Thursday night. Friday would work.

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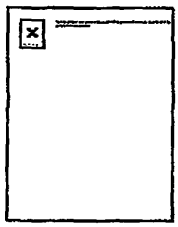
> On Sep 1, 2020, at 17:06, Deliberto, Thomas J - APHIS <thomas.j.deliberto@usda.gov> wrote:
>
> Hi Drs. Taylor and Roug,
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> As we indicated on the call today, we have completed field operations in UT. I wanted to offer my sincere thanks to you and your programs' assistance in making the sampling effort very successful.
>
> I was wondering if you would be interested in a teleconference to discuss our activities and provide you with some preliminary data from the labs. If so, would Thursday at 3 pm work for you?
>
> Tom
>
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From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Amanda Price
Subject: Fwd: UT CoVID 19 Wildlife Investigations

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From: **Towner, Jonathan (Jon) (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP)** <jit8@cdc.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 5:18 AM
Subject: RE: UT CoVID 19 Wildlife Investigations
To: Deliberto, Thomas J - APHIS <thomas.j.deliberto@usda.gov>, djtaylor@utah.gov <djtaylor@utah.gov>, kimberlyasmus@utah.gov <kimberlyasmus@utah.gov>, rileypeck@utah.gov <rileypeck@utah.gov>, aroug@utah.gov <aroug@utah.gov>, Zierenberg, Jared R - APHIS <jared.r.zierenberg@usda.gov>, Gidlewski, Thomas - APHIS <thomas.gidlewski@usda.gov>, Amman, Brian R. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <cxx1@cdc.gov>, Kohler, Dennis - APHIS <dennis.kohler@usda.gov>, Root, Jeff - APHIS <jeff.root@usda.gov>, Shriner, Susan A - APHIS <susan.a.shriner@usda.gov>, Ellis, Jeremy W - APHIS <jeremy.w.ellis@usda.gov>, Stopak, Scott R - APHIS <scott.r.stopak@usda.gov>, Wiscomb, Gerald W - APHIS <gerald.w.wiscomb@usda.gov>

Thanks Tom. Sorry for having to get off before it was totally finished.

Jon

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Subject: UT CoVID 19 Wildlife Investigations

All,

Thank you very much for participating in our call today. I hope you agree that it was very productive and we have a solid plan for moving forward on sampling. I tried to take notes with action items and have attached them here.

Please feel free to correct anything I might have gotten wrong, or add as you see fit. Also, I apologize if I missed anyone on that was on the call; if so, please let me know.

Looking forward to working with you all.

Cheers

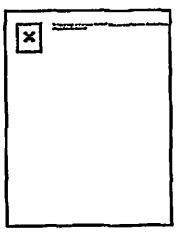
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From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 1:04 PM
To: De Carolis, Robert A - APHIS
Subject: Re: FW: FW: Updated Hawaii Ag Industry Resource Guide + FSA Fact Sheets

Thank you

On Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 10:53 AM De Carolis, Robert A - APHIS <robert.a.decarolis@usda.gov> wrote:

Dean and Amanda,

As Dr. Rawson indicates this applies to all States.

This maybe an opportunity for the Mink Ranchers, and others in Utah, that have been impacted by COVID-19 to get some federal aid.

From: Rawson, Larry C - APHIS
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Beckett, Donald L Jr. - APHIS <donald.l.beckett@usda.gov>; Herriott, Donald E - APHIS <don.e.herriott@usda.gov>; Sciglibaglio, Paul - APHIS <paul.sciglibaglio@usda.gov>; De Carolis, Robert A - APHIS <robert.a.decarolis@usda.gov>; Beutelschies, Scott A - APHIS <scott.a.beutelschies@usda.gov>; Eldridge, Leonard E - APHIS <leonard.e.eldridge@usda.gov>
Cc: Smith, Adam - APHIS <adam.smith@usda.gov>
Subject: FW: FW: Updated Hawaii Ag Industry Resource Guide + FSA Fact Sheets

In case you are interested in seeing a fairly concise write up on programs available to small business including farmers. This applies to all States (not just Hawaii). LCR

From: owner-sprod-l@lists.hawaii.edu [mailto:owner-sprod-l@lists.hawaii.edu] **On Behalf Of** Halina Zaleski
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 7:06 AM
To: sprod-l@lists.hawaii.edu; pprod-l@lists.hawaii.edu
Subject: Fwd: FW: Updated Hawaii Ag Industry Resource Guide + FSA Fact Sheets

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From: **Goodwin, Jeff (User)** <GoodwinJ@ctahr.hawaii.edu>

Date: Thu, Aug 20, 2020 at 4:45 PM
Subject: FW: Updated Hawaii Ag Industry Resource Guide + FSA Fact Sheets
To: _EXT_BOR <EXTENSION_BOR@ctahr.hawaii.edu>, Comerford, Nicholas (Contact) <nbc6@hawaii.edu>, Bowen, Walter (Contact) <wbowen@hawaii.edu>, Wieczorek, Ania <ania@hawaii.edu>, Goodwin, Jeff (User) <GoodwinJ@ctahr.hawaii.edu>
Cc: Extension (L. Takahara) <Extension@ctahr.hawaii.edu>

Hello all,

Attached is an updated resource guide from Senator Hirono's office entitled "Resources for Hawaii's Agriculture Industry." Also note the links in the message below where you'll find information about USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) by 1) links to the CFAP fact sheets, 2) CFAP Stakeholders Toolkit, 3) and CFAP posters.

Share with your stakeholders as needed.

Stay Safe.

Jeff Goodwin

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From: Burks, Jen (Hirono) [mailto:Jen_Burks@hirono.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Burks, Jen (Hirono) <Jen_Burks@hirono.senate.gov>
Subject: Updated Hawaii Ag Industry Resource Guide + FSA Fact Sheets

Good morning, all-

Attached and linked here is an updated resource guide for Hawaii's Agriculture Industry from Senator Hirono.

It is very similar to the last one but provides updated information (since June 5th) on available federal relief. In it you will find updated information about USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), SBA Programs (both PPP and EIDL/EEIG), Residential Mortgage Provisions, and Federal Tax Provisions.

As programs are dynamic and details are subject to change, this guide provides links to websites where you can access up-to-date information from the relevant federal agencies.

Also, in case you missed it, I'm forwarding along fact sheets that were shared earlier today by FSA:

Fact Sheets:

All CFAP fact sheets have been updated to reflect the new signup deadline of Sept. 11. Additionally, there are three new fact sheets – CFAP for Aquaculture Producers; CFAP for Nursery Crops and Cut Flowers; and CFAP for Liquid and Frozen Eggs. The chart below provides links to the most current versions. USDA is working on getting updated translations of the Specialty Crop fact sheet and translations of the three new fact sheets.

English	Spanish	Puerto Rican Spanish
General CFAP	General CFAP	General CFAP
Non-Specialty	Non-Specialty	Non-Specialty
Wool	Wool	Wool
Livestock	Livestock	Livestock
Dairy	Dairy	Dairy
Specialty		
Aquaculture		
Eggs		
Nursery Crops and Cut Flowers		

Stakeholder Toolkit & Posters:

The CFAP Stakeholder Toolkit and CFAP Posters are now live on the CFAP site.

Thank you,

Jen Burks

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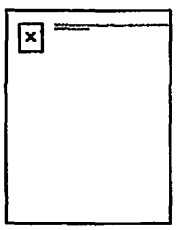
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From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Amanda Price
Subject: Fwd: FW: Mink Farm Update

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From: **Dean Taylor** <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 2:26 PM
Subject: Re: FW: Mink Farm Update
To: Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov>

I will send it to her. Thanks for the update.

On Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 2:16 PM Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov> wrote:

> Hi Dean,
>
> Laura will send the weekly OIE update on Wednesday morning; so any time before then would be great.
>
> Thanks and have a great w/end.
>
> Jane
>
> Jane A. Rooney, D.V.M.
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From: Dean Taylor [mailto:djtaylor@utah.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 1:01 PM
To: Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: Mink Farm Update

Thanks for reaching out. I will see if CDC can get those numbers when they are on the farm. The numbers that I am being provided vary from the owners to the Dr Lott. I have asked CDC to get those numbers from the owners and share them with me so that they don't have to have a call from my office in addition. Dr Wilson at USU is an epidemiologist that is working with Dr Lott on this as well and we will compare the 2 numbers when we have them both. What day does she send out the OIE report?

Dean

On Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 11:00 AM Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov> wrote:

Hi Dean,

Last night I received an invite from Hannah for Monday's call. I have not forwarded it to anyone as I think you all want to keep the call small; I believe we have VS HQ covered on the list.

I also had a couple of questions from Laura for next week's OIE update; she wanted to see if there was an update on the total number of susceptible mink on the affected ranches and total deaths?

Hope everything is going well and you are able to have a bit of a respite this w/end.

Best,

Jane

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From: Dean Taylor [mailto:djtaylor@utah.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 4:12 PM
To: Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: Mink Farm Update

I don't believe they had one today. I did not receive an invite either. I was on one with wildlife and have been discussing with other agencies but not a formal call. I have reached out to Hannah. I thought after we spoke that one may come but it never did.

Dean

On Thu, Aug 20, 2020 at 8:10 AM Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov> wrote:

Hi Dean,

I am not sure from Hannah's message, and as I haven't seen an invitation for a meeting today, that we (VS OHC and D&B) will be included on the daily calls. So I wanted to make sure you knew we can be available to discuss anything you need from us and I can help arrange calls/information exchange etc.

All the best,

Jane

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Subject: Mink Farm Update

Hello all,

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in this rapidly evolving investigation as we continue to learn more about what is happening at these mink farms. I have attached a high level overview of what we know as of today so that everyone has the key points of what we know so far. Moving forward, after discussing further with a few of the core investigators, we will discontinue these large daily calls for now and will provide updates as this investigation progresses. We will instead hold smaller group discussions so that relevant parties are all able to continue the work they are each doing to move this investigation forward. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you all!

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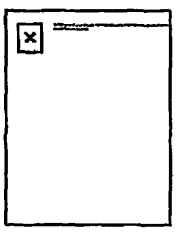
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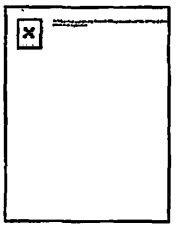
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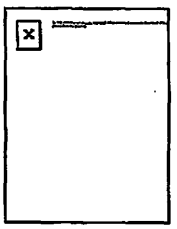
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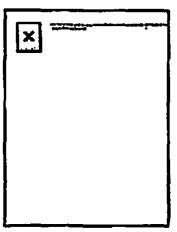
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Cc: Deliberto, Thomas J - APHIS
Subject: FW: WS SitRep
Attachments: WS SitRep 2 COVID-19 UT Mink.docx

Resend – with corrected e-mail extension (Utah).

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Thanks,

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Hi Jane,

Please find attached the WS SitRep for today. Would you please share with the CDC folks, Jonathan Sleeman, and whomever you deem appropriate within VS?

Thank you
Tom

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27 August 2020

SARS-CoV-2 Detection on Utah Mink Farms

Wildlife Services Emergency Response Situation Report

operational period of 26 August 2020

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Background:

August 17, 2020 -- The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) today announced the first confirmed cases of SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19 in humans) in mink at two farms in Utah. These are the first confirmed cases of SARS-CoV-2 in mink in the United States. The affected farms also reported positive cases of COVID-19 in people who had contact with the mink.

Response:

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is currently conducting an on-farm epidemiological investigation of domestic animals within the affected facilities. Wildlife Services in collaboration with the CDC, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and Utah Dept. of Agriculture and Food is conducting wildlife surveillance on and around some of the affected premises.

This epidemiological surveillance is focusing on skunks, raccoons, and mustelids in a 3 km zone around each farm. Rodents are being trapped in a 100 m buffer zone.

Activity:

26 Aug 2020 Animal Captures

5 House Mice, *Mus Musculus*
1 Striped Skunk, *Mephitis mephitis*
1 American Mink, *Neovison vison*
2 Raccoons, *Procyon lotor*
2 Rock squirrels, *Spermophilus variegatus*
These animals were captured from one active site.

Overall number of animals captured and sampled by species for 5 trap nights.

3 Rock Squirrels, *Spermophilus variegatus*
4 Raccoons, *Procyon lotor*
24 House Mice, *Mus Musculus*
9 Mink, *Neovison vison*
6 Striped Skunks, *Mephitis mephitis*
The total number of animals captured and sampled from three active sites.

Wildlife Services personnel from the Utah program as well as personnel from the National Wildlife Disease Program and National Wildlife Research Center have deployed to assist with this response.

Wildlife Services Personnel Deployed for the SARS-CoV-2 response.

Name	Scheduled Dates of Deployment	Anticipated Days Deployed
Jared Zierenberg (UT)	8/21/2020	8
Nayson Saltgaver (UT)	8/21/2020	8
Gerald Wiscomb (NWDP MT)	8/21/2020	8
Scott Stopak (NWDP ID)	8/21/2020	8
Teresa Wright (UT)	8/21/2020	8
Susan Shriner (NWRC CO)	8/21/2020	8
Jeremy Ellis (NWRC CO)	8/21/2020	8

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From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 8:42 AM
To: Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP)
Subject: Re: Outbriefing with CDC field team

That would work fine for me.

On Mon, Aug 31, 2020 at 8:39 AM Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov> wrote:

> Great! Could we plan on 3:30pm today? We have our outbriefing with Utah County at 1:30pm so that will give us plenty of time. If it will work for you I can send a Skype meeting invitation for a call and can share some slides.
>
> Caitlin
>
> **From:** Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
> **Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 8:38 AM
> **To:** Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Outbriefing with CDC field team
>
> Any time after 1:30 would work for me. Let me know the time and I will put it on my calendar.
>
> Thanks
>
> Dean
>
> On Mon, Aug 31, 2020 at 8:30 AM Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov> wrote:
>
> > Sounds great! Looking forward to our update.
> >
> > Caitlin
> >
> > **From:** Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
> > **Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 8:29 AM
> > **To:** Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov>
> > **Subject:** Re: Outbriefing with CDC field team

Caitlin,

As soon as I find out when a meeting with the commissioner is I can let you know of my availability.

Dean

On Mon, Aug 31, 2020 at 7:45 AM Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov> wrote:

> Hi Dr. Taylor and Hannah,
>
> My team has completed the field work portion our time in Utah County and I just wanted to send a quick note to ask if you and your teams have some time for an outbriefing with us before we leave town? We are tentatively scheduled for an outbriefing with Utah County HD this afternoon. Let me know if you all have time for a call any time this afternoon or tomorrow.
>
> Thank you!
>
> Caitlin
>
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From: Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 5:12 PM
To: Alessandro Rossi; Michelle Grossman
Cc: Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP); Dean Taylor
Subject: NP swabs and serology supplies

Hi both,

I made the mistake of returning the NP swabs and serology supplies that you both helped to kindly lend to us for the farm investigation. Do either of you know if those supplies are still stored at specimen receiving at UPHL and would possibly be available for me to pick up tomorrow morning? We may have an opportunity to test one of the other farms that we previously were not permitted access to, and we are trying to set something up last minute to see if we can go on farm to collect human samples tomorrow. If these are still available at specimen receiving, please let me know and I will stop by in the morning. Thank you!!

--

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Subject: RE: UT COVID-19 Coordination Call

No worries. Just sent the update.

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Subject: RE: UT COVID-19 Coordination Call

Caitlin and I have another call at this same time. Any chance it could be moved to 11a MT/1pm ET? Thanks for considering.

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Subject: RE: OH-FICC COVID-19 Livestock subgroup call to discuss and finalize on farm questionnaire draft (updated agenda item in meeting invite also)

Zoom line below. Thanks!

Topic: OHICC Livestock Subgroup
Time: Oct 9, 2020 11:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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It appears CDC can't use this line so yes please. We will stay on skype until you can send the new line.

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Unfortunately I'm having trouble joining as well. Happy to send another line if it would help!

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Is there a call line? The skype link does not work for me.

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Importance: High

Updated questionnaire attached for discussion. I am also adding a further agenda item; **if we have time I would like to start the conversation on guidance for SAHO's on what would be needed for them to be able to release a quarantine** (Laura A – hoping you can join us)

Adding this meeting and extending to an hour to discuss and finalize on farm questionnaire draft.

Please send Maggie maggie.baldwin@state.co.us any comments you have on the previous draft version (shared last week) as soon as possible so we can get an updated version out to everyone prior to this meeting.

Thanks,

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To: Dean Taylor
Subject: RE: Planning: mink mortalities and composting
Attachments: SGOM-Book-1_Criteria-Forms-ProtocolsG.pdf

Also thought I would share the industry document that is very good "Standard Guideline for the Operation of Mink Farms in the US".

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To: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Subject: FW: Planning: mink mortalities and composting

Hi Dean

As promised attached is the pre-clearance document that was updated since the first draft I sent you. Also the extra information from our WI Epi, Doris Olander below.

I touched base and Tom Deliberto will be on the call this afternoon. We will also have an LPA rep on as well.

Talk to you a little later.

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Subject: FW: Planning: mink mortalities and composting

Using composting methods to dispose of carcasses is likely the simplest, fastest and cheapest method of disposal in an emergency situation such as SARS-Cov-2 infection at a mink farm. Most states would probably expect a disposal plan for mortalities as a part of a farm plan. Understanding resources needed and "the building blocks" of composting for pathogen inactivation is helpful if composting is being considered for disposal purposes.

The objective of composting for pathogen elimination is not to make a finished product; it is to inactivate pathogens, including SARS-CoV-2. This can be accomplished by generating heat for thermal inactivation using biologic mechanisms. The product of the initial inactivation steps can then be further composted to make a final product once the thermal inactivation of the pathogen is complete. Carcass composting, at an industrial scale, was successfully used in 2015 to dispose of poultry and poultry waste from farms infected with high path avian influenza. PPE recommendations would primarily be provided by public health. A number of safety conditions that would need to be accommodated include pathogen, dust, temperature and injury. Having personnel who already have medical clearances and are supplied and trained in the use of respirators (not masks) and other PPE would be very helpful to get composting for carcass management rapidly and safely underway.

The key resource for successful pathogen inactivation using composting methods is working with a subject matter expert (SME) who has both training and experience specific to pathogen inactivation. USDA emergency management and state departments of agriculture can assist in finding SMEs. These SMEs are experts in building, verification and documentation of carcass and materials management using composting methods.

For a loss of 500 mink/day for 5 days for a total of 2500 animals weighing 2# each.

1. **SME** specializing in pathogen inactivation by composting
2. **Carbon source** – For example, in WI basic wood chips* from a municipal yard that have *not* been sifted to one size would be a likely carbon resource. For 500 mink, the estimated quantity of wood chips is 6 cu yards and for 2500 mink estimate 28-30 cu yards.
3. **Carcasses and associated waste**
4. **Moisture** may need added moisture for pile may have to be higher than usual because of the water repellent and oily nature of mink. SME would advise
4. **Skid steer** or equivalent with skilled operator for moving carcasses, carbon and building the pile
5. **Location** for pile
   Likely site would be level, away from water discharges or waterways and have sufficient room for equipment to operate.
6. **Proper PPE** for job and workers who are cleared for appropriate PPE
7. **Compost thermometer**

*Be careful that movement of carbon materials does not spread plant diseases or invasive plant species

The quick and clean (not dirty) on the mechanics

A compost pile does its work by pulling fresh air in at the bottom where it moves up into the core and, like a chimney, exits the cap. The air that moves through the core works, along with microorganisms, to heat and kill pathogens:

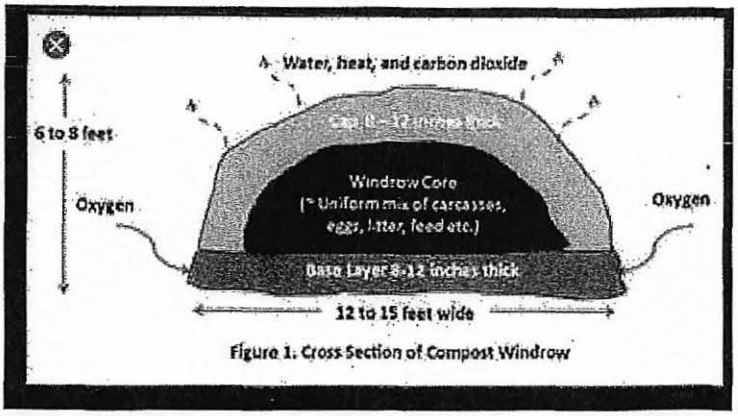


Figure 1. Cross Section of Compost Windrow

Anatomy:

1. **The base** of the pile is the area at the bottom. It is the widest part and needs to be properly built so that enough air goes in and there is no liquid discharge
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PCkvCPvDXk (a minute or less will do unless you are a glutton for punishment)
2. **The core** is where the carcasses will be. It is a mixture of carbon and carcasses and is where the thermal inactivation takes place.
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ds3juU94LsY (just right: 13 seconds)
3. **The cap** is the cover which protects the core by stabilizing temperature, preventing odor and preventing disruption by scavengers. In the case of mink with SARS-CoV-2 a thicker cap of at least 8" would probably be recommended by an SME.
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uVrakgliMfs (the first minute is enough!)

There are many links but these are three good sites that will give you what is needed to understand the process:

Cornell composting basics:
https://ecommons.cornell.edu/bitstream/handle/1813/2149.2/naturalrenderingFS.pdf?sequence=14&isAllowed=y

USDA carcass composting:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/emergency_management/downloads/nahems_guidelines/livestock-mortality-compost-sop.pdf

Iowa Pork carcass composting "Toolbox":
https://www.iowapork.org/producer-resources/resources-and-information/covid-19/composting-toolbox/

Regards, Doris

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From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 12:13 PM
To: Conger, Terry H - APHIS
Subject: Re: FW: SARS-CoV-2 Affected Mink Farms, Utah

Terry,
Thank you for reaching out. Jane Rooney had forwarded this information to me. This is my biggest concern as this disease hits mink and feral cats. All the guidance I can get is appreciated. We do not have a public health veterinarian in Utah currently so I'm it for the time being. Dr Price and I were just discussing the USAHA meeting coming up through next month. Great place to pick other's brains.
Dean Taylor

On Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 11:56 AM Conger, Terry H - APHIS <terry.h.conger@usda.gov> wrote:

Hi Dean,

I guessed on your E-Mail address the first time [(dtaylor@utah.gov) ...could be Densell Taylor who was a year ahead of me at C.S.U.], so I had to "dig" to find a valid address for you.

Welcome as the new Utah State Veterinarian. I am a 1968 graduate of U.S.U. and 1972 of C.S.U., CVM, so we have that in common. You will find the job to be very satisfying but you have to learn to "roll with the punches" (i.e., be prepared for political pressure).

Be sure to register for the U.S.A.H.A. even though it is "virtual" this year. That is the most important organization that a state veterinarian can be affiliated with...

Since you have two affected mink farms, I thought you would be interested in this information. Yes, the state veterinarian needs to be aware of zoonotic diseases and work closely with the public health veterinarian. I don't have a clue who, or even if Utah has a Public Health Veterinarian.

I know that you already know about the aforementioned advice, but I just reaffirming it.[

I look forward to working with you on future animal health problems.

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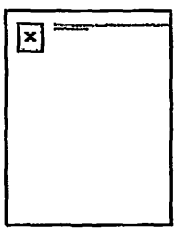
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From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 1:49 PM
To: Barton Behravesh, Casey (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD); Torchetti, Mia Kim - APHIS
Subject: Fwd: SarsCov2 Mink brains

This would be at your discretion. See the whole email chain to understand what he is asking for. I don't mind or support strongly either way.
Dean

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From: **Koentges, Georgy** <G.Koentges@warwick.ac.uk>
Date: Tue, Oct 13, 2020 at 12:10 PM
Subject: Re: SarsCov2 Mink brains
To: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Cc: Arnaud Van Wettere <arnaud.vanwettere@usu.edu>, John Morrey <john.morrey@usu.edu>

Dear Dean,

I have spoken with Arnaud van Wettere and with John Morrey and we wonder - – do you guys have access to the genomic sequences of SarsCov2 inside the dead mink (and/or) their carers in Utah – we understand the CDC has been swabbing , is this something we could obtain to compare this particularly lethal strain to others? Thanks for letting them know who to contact.

Best wishes,

Georgy

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From: "Koentges, Georgy" <G.Koentges@warwick.ac.uk>
Date: Friday, 9 October 2020 at 19:16
To: Arnaud Van Wettere <arnaud.vanwettere@usu.edu>
Cc: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Subject: Re: SarsCov2 Mink brains

Dear Arnaud, thanks so much for responding. I think I have a clear idea why these minks die so quickly.

We need to look at their brains. If you can perfuse or remove and process their brains in a standard histo lab (FFPE), I can advise on which stains to do (not complicated) – you could take the images and that is it. This would be easiest. Any standard histo lab can normally do that.

Can advise on details, easiest and fastest scenario. I don't need to physically have the specimens as long as we can analyze the data together. I can provide you w protocols for SarsCov2 antibody stains on FFPE material if you need some. We have advanced analytical tools to analyze emerging images, I am a neuroanatomist and can guide you through this if in doubt.

Would this work?

Best

Georgy

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Cc: Dean Taylor <ditaylor@utah.gov>
Subject: SarsCov2 Mink brains

Dear Dr. Koentges,

Dr Taylor forwarded me your request. We do not have any brain saved but I can save some next time we get mink infected with SARS-CoV2. I don't know when we will get additional submission. Regarding shipping samples to the UK, this would require multiple permits and we do not have the manpower to deal with requesting permits. If you have all the permits in place, then we could send samples. Alternatively, we have researchers on campus that might be wiling to collaborate. You would have to ask them. I'm happy to provide you with the contact info of potential collaborators. Or we could ship samples within the USA to a research lab. I don't think we would need a permit for this, but I would have to verify this first.

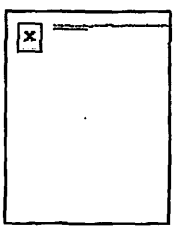
Regards,

Arnaud

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From: Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 3:08 PM
To: Dean Taylor
Subject: RE: ATT: Dr Taylor: Mink Deaths from Covid-19

Hi Dr. Taylor,

My apologies for my delayed response! After reviewing the information below, it seems that this product is an antigen detection test, so it would detect presence of viral antigen (vs antibody detection which would indicate exposure). I would probably want to see data regarding the sensitivity and specificity of the assay, across animal species and compared to confirmatory testing by PCR. I think that rapid diagnostic tests are very useful as screening tools in some scenarios, however, I think confirmatory testing by PCR will still be important for decision making. We have also seen from our data to-date that rectal swabs have the lowest sensitivity across diagnostic specimen types, and I would expect feces to likely be less so, so I think that is just another consideration. Also, just so it is on your radar, Dr. John Easley also mentioned to me on one call we had that the industry is working on a rapid diagnostic test to aid in surveillance for this species in particular.

These are just my initial thoughts! Happy to chat through anything else that may be helpful!
Warm regards,

Caitlin

From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 11:18 AM
To: Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: ATT: Dr Taylor: Mink Deaths from Covid-19

Caitlin,
Can you give me your thoughts on this when you have a moment? This will just tell exposure, correct? So may not be the test to see if there is still circulating virus for quarantine release.
Dean
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From: **Dean Taylor** <djtaylor@utah.gov>
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Subject: Re: ATT: Dr Taylor: Mink Deaths from Covid-19
To: Utah Department of Agriculture and Food <agriculture@utah.gov>

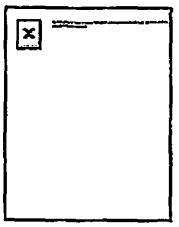
Mr Berger,
Send me some more information if you would. I would certainly be interested in looking at the test.

On Tue, Oct 13, 2020 at 8:15 AM Utah Department of Agriculture and Food <agriculture@utah.gov> wrote:

> ---------- Forwarded message ---------
> From: **Michael R. Berger, President** <apollobiomedicalusa@gmail.com>
> Date: Mon, Oct 12, 2020 at 2:16 PM
> Subject: ATT: Dr Taylor: Mink Deaths from Covid-19
> To: <agriculture@utah.gov>

Dear Dr Taylor;
I am representing Apollo Biomedical LLC here in SLC. Recently I read of the news of thousands of mink deaths due to the COVID-19 virus. My company has an animal COVID-19 test that is a very reliable SARS-CoV-2 S Protein-ACE2 Receptor rapid Antigen test, with US PATENT PENDING. It is a rapid 15 minute test that uses a feces sample and requires no machinery, as results are seen by the naked eye on a rapid test strip in 15 minutes. It can also be used to test other animals. The USDA has to date found a number of other cases of animal transmission, as I am sure that you are aware.
The sensitivity is the highest of any antigen test in the world, and the specificity is 100% . I will have some sample tests available from our manufacturer in just a few days, and would be happy to help you and the mink farmers by providing you with some complimentary samples. If you would like further data or have any questions, please do not hesitate to reply or to call me at your convenience. I look forward to hearing from you and to helping in any way possible. Best Regards, Michael Berger, President - Apollo Biomedical

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From: Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Dean Taylor
Subject: Re: mink plan

That sounds good. I am here if you need anything else from me. Taking a few extra hours off today!

Hope you have a fabulous w/end too.
Best,
Jane

Jane A. Rooney, DVM
Director, One Health Coordination
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From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 2:59:29 PM
To: Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov>
Subject: mink plan

Jane,
I sent out that documentation to Dr Lott last week and asked him to reach out to the producers and help them to prevent this from entering their facilities. I spoke to Ryan Holt this morning, who is head of the fur breeders association in Utah, and offered to do a zoom meeting to discuss things they could do to safeguard their facilities and he asked that I let Dr Lott do it. He felt it would be better received. I will stay on top of it as I ***really*** stand to benefit if they take precautions. That way I don't have endless incidents to deal with. Thank you for getting that out to me. Enjoy your weekend.
Dean

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Subject: RE: USAHA Daily News Alert Summaries - September 21, 2020

Thanks again Cindy. This is nice to know. I am sharing with others. CDC spent a lot of time here in Utah.

From: Gaborick, Cynthia M - APHIS
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 10:19 AM
To: De Carolis, Robert A - APHIS <robert.a.decarolis@usda.gov>
Subject: FW: USAHA Daily News Alert Summaries - September 21, 2020

Bob,
FYI.

Cindy

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Subject: FW: USAHA Daily News Alert Summaries - September 21, 2020

Hi all. Just in case you haven't seen this and are interested: Article 6 talks about possible mink to human transmission of coronavirus.

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1. Morris Awards Nearly $1 Million in Equine Health Grants .
Morris Animal Foundation has granted monies to support 14 projects addressing equine health issues.
By Morris Animal Foundation

EquiManagement.com
September 17, 2020

Morris Animal Foundation, a leader in advancing animal health, has awarded nearly $1 million in large animal health research grants, supporting 14 projects. The studies will help veterinary scientists improve the well-being of horses through improved prevention and treatment of numerous health challenges, including eye cancer, heart arrhythmias and risks for injury from air transport.

"We were very impressed with the quality of proposals received this year, and we believe they have the potential to drive significant improvements in the well-being of our equine companions," said Dr. Janet Patterson-Kane, Morris Animal Foundation Chief Scientific Officer. "We are very proud to support these enterprising researchers in their endeavors."

Through this year's grants, the Foundation is supporting teams at 13 universities and institutions, including the University of Minnesota, Colorado State University and the University of Calgary. The Foundation's Large Animal Scientific Advisory Board reviewed all submitted grant applications and selected, based on scientific merit and impact, the studies with the greatest potential to save lives, preserve health and advance veterinary care.

Full text:
https://equimanagement.com/news/morris-awards-nearly-1-million-in-equine-health-grants

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2. NIFA Awards over $1.6 Million for Rural Veterinary Services Across the U.S.
USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture Bulletin
September 17, 2020

NIFA recently awarded seven Veterinary Services Extension, Education, and Training grants totaling over $1.6M to: 1) Establish or expand accredited veterinary education programs, veterinary residency and fellowship programs, or veterinary internship and externship programs carried out in coordination with accredited colleges of veterinary medicine. 2) Provide continuing education and extension, including veterinary telemedicine and other distance-based education, for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and other health professionals needed to strengthen veterinary programs and enhance food safety and public health, and 3) To allow veterinary students, veterinary interns, externs, fellows, and residents, and veterinary technician students to cover expenses of attending training programs in food safety, public health or food animal medicine.

Source:

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3. UC Davis vet team aids to animals affected by California wildfires
Author: Kevin John
ABC10.com
September 17, 2020

DAVIS, Calif. — Whenever there's a wildfire that breaks, we often refer to firefighters and first responders as heroes for the courageous work that they do. But there's also a group of unsung heroes that head out in those same dire conditions to care for the animals that may be injured or abandoned.

The UC Davis Veterinary Emergency Response Team (VERT) is one of those groups. The team is composed of current students, vet techs, and veterinarians, and whenever there's a wildfire in Northern California, they're deployed to care of the animals.

"We have a very large group of students," said Dr. Lais Costa, coordinator of VERT. "Very committed. They go way beyond what anyone can imagine. They are full time students and still work tirelessly."

The team has now rescued, triaged, and/or treated roughly 600 animals from the North Complex fires, which wreaked havoc throughout Butte County over the last couple weeks.

This group also creates hundreds of passports for these animals, which is a searchable document that has key information about the animal.

Full text:

A Border Inspections: First Line of Defense to Protect Agriculture
By Jennifer Dirks
PorkBusiness.com
September 18, 2020

Now's not the time to let our guard down when it comes to protecting our U.S. borders, urged National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) president A.V. Roth. Unfortunately, an estimated $300-million shortfall in Agriculture Quarantine Inspections (AQI) funding through the end of fiscal year 2021 has the pork industry very concerned about future funding for agricultural inspections at U.S ports of entry.

"Pork producers are already facing an unprecedented crisis as a result of the COVID-19 human health pandemic. An outbreak of ASF or other foreign animal diseases in the U.S. would be a devastating blow to hog farmers already teetering on the edge," Roth said during a media teleconference on Thursday.

A significant lapse in inspection funding is putting the U.S. in a precarious position. If left unaddressed, Roth believes this will result in serious consequences not just for livestock producers, but for all of U.S. agriculture.

"The U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection agriculture inspections at U.S. ports of entry are funded by AQI program user fees," he explained. "Due to the COVID-related economic downturn, and significant reductions in travel, collection of these user fees has dropped dramatically. Even worse, the user fee reserve funds maintained for such a contingency will be depleted this month. Without a prompt resolution, there will be an estimated $300 million shortfall."

Full text:

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Rare disease affecting rabbits detected in Singapore: AVS

[redacted]

[redacted]

September 17, 2020

SINGAPORE: A fatal disease that primarily affects rabbits has been detected in Singapore, said the Animal and Veterinary Service (AVS) on Thursday (Sep 17).

The Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease (RHD) is highly contagious, acute and fatal, although it is non-zoonotic and does not affect humans or other animal species, added AVS, which is a [redacted] of the National Parks Board (NParks).

A news release published on the NParks website stated that the virus that causes RHD was detected on Wednesday through samples from pet rabbits submitted by a veterinary clinic.

Investigations showed there may be up to 11 affected rabbits in the cluster, eight of which have died.

None of the cases are known to have a travel history. Epidemiological investigations are ongoing.

Full text:

[redacted]

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Strong Evidence of Animal to Human Transmission of Novel Coronavirus Found in Dutch Study on Minks

This study by Dutch scientists investigated the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus outbreak across 16 mink farms in the Netherlands, and potential infection of humans

By [redacted]

International Business Times

September 19, 2020

From the very beginning of the COVID-19, scientists have been attempting to trace the origins of the virus and the route of transmission from the potential host animal to humans. In the midst of this, animals such as dogs and cats were found to be infected by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, possibly through human beings. This raised an important question, can the virus found in animals infect humans? Yes, suggests new evidence uncovered by Dutch veterinary scientists.

The study investigated the spread of the novel coronavirus infection across 16 mink farms in the Netherlands. Through the evidence gathered, the scientists pointed that the coronavirus likely jumped from people to minks and back. Thereby, presenting a strong case that animal to the human (zoonotic) transmission of the virus is possible.

"We conclude that initially the virus was introduced from humans and has evolved on mink farms, most likely reflecting widespread circulation among mink in the first SARS-CoV-2 mink farms, several weeks prior to detection," the authors wrote.

Full text:

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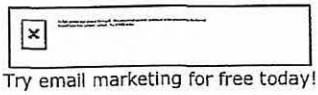
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From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Deliberto, Thomas J - APHIS
Subject: Re: feline swabs

Thank you.

On Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 12:40 PM Deliberto, Thomas J - APHIS <thomas.j.deliberto@usda.gov> wrote:

Hi Dr. Taylor,

Wildlife Services values our partnership with you and the UT Department of Agriculture and Food. We will continue to assist you, UDAF, and the citizens of UT as best we can in your epidemiological investigations of COVID 19 in farmed mink. In discussions with the Wildlife Services Leadership, we have agreed to continue non-invasive testing of the feral cats that we sampled as part of the epidemiological investigations, and to resume sampling additional feral cats that we may catch while targeting wildlife species. We communicated with NVSL and they will resume testing of the feral cats tomorrow.

Please feel free to contact Jared, Chad, or me if you wish to discuss Wildlife Services' activities further, or if we can provide additional assistance in Utah's response to these outbreaks.

Thank you

Tom

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To: Deliberto, Thomas J - APHIS <thomas.j.deliberto@usda.gov>
Subject: feline swabs

Tom,

This is to confirm that I would like you to test the swabs that were sampled on the feral cats at the [redacted] mink farms. This is precisely what I requested and would like them to be run and any others that you may collect. I appreciate your assistance and time through this outbreak.

Regards,

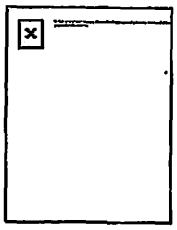
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From: Konkle, Darlene M - DATCP <Darlene.Konkle@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 6:41 AM
To: Dean Taylor; Hannah Rettler
Cc: Wineland, Nora (MDARD); Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP)
Subject: RE: mink

Thanks Dr. Taylor
WI will also invite key animal health staff and our Public Health veterinarian.
Darlene

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To: Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>
Cc: Wineland, Nora (MDARD) <WinelandN@michigan.gov>; Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov>; Konkle, Darlene M - DATCP <Darlene.Konkle@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: mink

Please invite whomever you feel is appropriate on the call for tomorrow.
Dean

On Thu, Oct 8, 2020 at 3:56 PM Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov> wrote:

Hello Dr. Wineland and Dr. Konkle,

I am the Zoonotic Epidemiologist with the Utah State Health Department and have worked very closely with Dr. Taylor, our state veterinarian, with the Department of Agriculture. The Department of Health and Department of Ag have worked collaboratively in this investigation, and we think it may be beneficial if you have any partners from your respective Department's of Health available to join our chat as well. We look forward to speaking with you tomorrow to share our experience and lessons learned so far in this investigation.

On Thu, Oct 8, 2020 at 3:41 PM Wineland, Nora (MDARD) <WinelandN@michigan.gov> wrote:

Yes, I second that and thanks for your kind offer. I would love to include a couple of key staff members as we are getting ready to have a CDC team here as well, so understanding a little more about how that works would be helpful.

Thanks

Nora

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Thank you Dr. Taylor

I'd be very interested in a call tomorrow.

Darlene

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On Oct 8, 2020, at 4:32 PM, Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov> wrote:

Drs Wineland and Konkle,

I am reaching out to see if you would be interested in a conference (google meets) call with myself, CDC and Utah Dept of Health to discuss our experience here in Utah with the outbreak. I'm afraid you won't think of one other thing for a couple of weeks and you will get bombarded by media outlets. I was thinking tomorrow afternoon about 4:00 pm MDT. The CDC and health dept don's usually finish up until then. I am looping them in on this email so that they can offer up times as well. Tomorrow is my open day on my calendar. Let me know if you are interested in this at all.

Dean Taylor

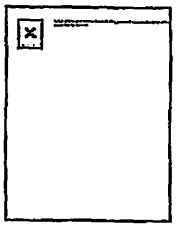
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To: Rooney, Jane A - APHIS
Subject: Re: FW: FYI - Utah Mink Farms article in Morning Ag Clips

I'll have Hannah add you then.

On Fri, Oct 9, 2020 at 11:28 AM Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov> wrote:

> Not seeing the invite my end.
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> Jane
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> **To:** Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: FW: FYI - Utah Mink Farms article in Morning Ag Clips

Just added you for today's call

On Fri, Oct 9, 2020 at 11:18 AM Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov> wrote:

I can only imagine.

Is there a UT call this afternoon (I don't have anything on my schedule) or would you like to have a call with me?

Thanks,

Jane

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Subject: Re: FW: FYI - Utah Mink Farms article in Morning Ag Clips

Thank you for this. I have had a firestorm of calls on this and am correcting the information as quickly as possible. I have 4 new media requests that came just during our last call. I will possibly address this a bit this afternoon.

Dean

On Fri, Oct 9, 2020 at 10:56 AM Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov> wrote:

> Hi Dean,
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> Here is what John (our mink industry SME) sent regarding the USA Fur Commission statement.
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> Hope this helps.
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Hello,

I just spoke with Michael Whelan, the Executive Director of the FCUSA, to get an understanding of the statement referencing the viability of the virus on garments. This statement comes from an interview that happened a few days ago. Mr. Whelan feels he was miss quoted. He did say that the virus needs a host to replicate in and that the virus will not replicate in or on a coat.

I have instructed him try to run any communications that deal with the virus by myself or the other FCUSA veterinarians, before it is released. We are sorry for this miss statement. But it does reinforce the necessity to initiate the research into the viability of the virus in carcasses, pelts at different stages of processing, manure and the other by-products produced from the farmed mink industry.

Please let me know or contact Mr. Whelan on how the FCUSA can help to correct this communication.

Best regards,

John

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Hi Darlene,

I am including Dr. John Easley (who I believe DATCP have also been speaking with) as he is the mink industry subject matter expert we have been getting our industry information from. Perhaps he has further information he can share on the USA Fur Commission statement highlighted below.

Best,

Jane

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Subject: FW: FYI - Utah Mink Farms article in Morning Ag Clips

Good Morning All

DATCP leadership shared the below article regarding the Utah mink farms. In the 5th paragraph, the US Fur Commission states: Fur from the dead infected animals will be processed to remove any traces of the virus and then used for coats and other garments, according to Fur Commission USA, a mink farming trade group.

From our earlier conversations, I thought information was very limited on identification of the virus from fur, or treatment of fur.

If you have any other insight to share, please let us know.

FYI, we plan to send the press release to the US Fur Commission when it is available.

Darlene

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Darlene,

I found this sentence to be interesting: Fur from the dead infected animals will be processed to remove any traces of the virus and then used for coats and other garments, according to Fur Commission USA, a mink farming trade group.

Do you know if that will become standard protocol?

Randy

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Thanks for the article!

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FYI: https://www.morningagclips.com/thousands-of-minks-dead-in-covid-outbreak-on-utah-farms/

Angela James

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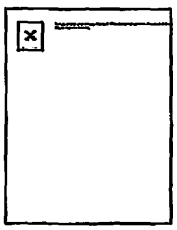
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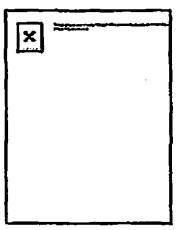
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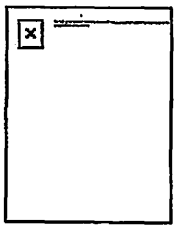
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To: Dean Taylor
Subject: RE: questionnaire

Great. I am in USAHA meetings through out next week but we can work out a time to talk for sure – most sessions are over by 3PM (except Wednesday) and I have early mornings (7 – 9am) open on Wed – Friday.

Hope you have a great w/end too.

Jane

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Jane,
Next week I will reach out to you. I think the things that you are working on are the critical things going forward. I would like to discuss just some basics of how to handle these outbreaks and the protocol. In the issues that I have dealt with here in the state, I have eventually had to just ask who is ultimately in charge so I would like to spend some time just understanding the marriage between the state and USDA etc Thank you for the input on the call, I invite you because you are very straightforward and that helps.
Enjoy the weekend.
Dean

On Fri, Oct 9, 2020 at 1:55 PM Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov> wrote:

Hi Dean,

I am sending you the links to information on surveillance plans and other resources that might be useful for disease freedom surveillance planning (some from APHIS, AusVet and FAO).

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/ceah-toolbox/home

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/ceah-toolbox/overview-calculators-tools

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https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/ceah-toolbox/epidemiologyandsurveillancereferences

https://www.ausvet.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Risk-based-surveillance-Manual-v8.pdf

http://www.fao.org/3/a-i4205e.pdf

Likely info overload but I'm sure by now you realize I resource information – and hope you find something useful here!

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I am not yet familiar with that system. But that is a good point.

On Fri, Oct 9, 2020 at 11:25 AM Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov> wrote:

> Much appreciated, and agree. We should discuss how best to do that moving forward.
>
> Not to be a broken record, however – if APHIS had considered this an emerging FAD, Ag sector would have been using our Emergency Management Response System (EMRS) for all of the animal/farm data collection!
>
> *Jane*
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> Jane A. Rooney, D.V.M.
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From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: questionnaire

My input on the form is that it is all important information. I don't know if it would be stored online like a google doc that is shared for each agency to update as they got the information or whether they would report to one person to input? I might suggest a questionnaire for a starting point on day one and then links to addendums that are continually filled out by the appropriate agencies during the course of the investigation, this would include links to a location for attaching lab work etc, accurate death losses, etc. the initial questionnaire should reflect the total number of mink on the farm by age and gender and color is sounds like.

Dean

On Fri, Oct 9, 2020 at 10:46 AM Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov> wrote:

Hi Dean,

Honestly – normally once a farm is found positive this is the type of comprehensive questionnaire that should be being used by a joint team (best case scenario), including state animal (if this was an FAD USDA would be involved in gathering epi also) and public health epidemiologists, going out to perform together at the farm or a meeting place off farm (depends on ability of the team to practice good biosecurity and appropriate PPE).

However – it does contain the questions that could be used to do a cursory follow-up; it would be helpful for us if you could indicate what you believe those questions are.

CDC are asking for the updated draft to "pilot" in UT and other states they have teams going to, so we will share as soon as possible.

Absolutely, I will happily add you to the mink processing call.

For the release of quarantine conversation – again we will definitely include you and am very interest in your input.

I am on USAHA calls until 2:30pm, and may have a call with Maggie after that – however I am happy to have a call with you later if you would like that, but am sure you are really busy too!

Jane

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To: Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov>
Subject: questionnaire

Jane,

That is a very comprehensive questionnaire. I think I misunderstood it's intent initially. That seems more like a living document. I thought it was something to start the investigation with but it is much more than that. It will likely need to be a fillable document with the information that was added today. Is the plan to have this something that is shared between CDC, state and health departments with multiple people adding to it? For example much of the lab data won't be available initially. If so how will accuracy be assured?

Can you add me to the call on pelting, I don't have anything to add but am fending off questions on that through the media now. There was a statement by fur breeders in one article that made it sound like I was sterilizing pelts currently, but no quarantines have been lifted. I had intended to ask about quarantines this afternoon but it sounds like that is something that you and Casey would prefer in another meeting.

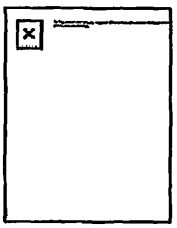
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Dean

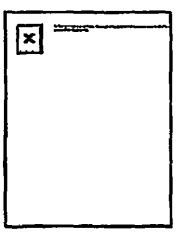
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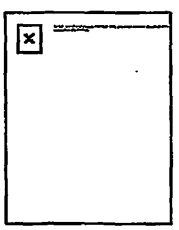
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Sent: Saturday, October 10, 2020 8:06 AM
To: Dean Taylor; dlx9@cdc.gov; Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP); Rooney, Jane A - APHIS
Subject: Re: SarsCov2 Mink brains - urgent

Dr Taylor
Sounds like you have a way forward with CDC partners - let us know if anything needed from us.

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Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 9:09:57 AM
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Subject: Fwd: SarsCov2 Mink brains - urgent

Can I get input on this email from you please?
Thanks
Dean

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Date: Fri, Oct 9, 2020 at 3:50 AM
Subject: SarsCov2 Mink brains - urgent
To: agriculture@utah.gov <agriculture@utah.gov>, djtaylor@utah.gov <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Cc: udaf-admindivision@utah.gov <udaf-admindivision@utah.gov>, uvdl@usu.edu <uvdl@usu.edu>

Hello, this is a message for Dr Dean J Taylor, Head of UDAF. Can you please forward this message to him urgently. Thank you.

Dear Dr Taylor,

I am a neuroanatomist and am investigating with a consortium of US and international colleagues the spread of SarsCov2 through the vertebrate brain – currently human and mice. We have found particular hot spots inside the brain that are urgent to examine in other species, one of them mink.

I wonder if you could please consider sending us brains of these SarsCov2 infected minks (or we share reagents with you and certainly work out the details) so that we can look in detail at the spread of the virus through the mink brains?

If this is possible I would be delighted to discuss with you and your people the details of preparation of these specimens etc.

I thank you very much for your urgent consideration and hope to be able to talk to you soon,

kindest regards,

Georgy Koentges

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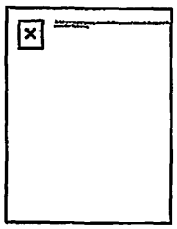
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Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Jones, Annette@CDFA
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Guidance for farmed Mink (and other Mustelids) available on APHIS OH website

(BCC State Vets and Assistants/Designees)

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From: Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov>
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Hi Annette,

The Interim SARS-CoV-2 Guidance and Recommendations for Farmed Mink and Other Mustelids has been posted!
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/one_health/downloads/sars-cov-2-guidance-for-farmed-mink.pdf

Please share this with NASAHO members and others as deemed appropriate.

Best,
Jane

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From: Jane Kelly <jane.kelly@usu.edu>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 9:26 AM
To: Dean Taylor
Subject: Re: [EXT] Re: today

Sounds good. Thank you for your kind words!
Jane

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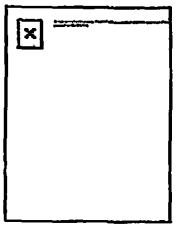
From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 6:58 AM
To: Jane Kelly <jane.kelly@usu.edu>; Tom Baldwin <tom.baldwin@usu.edu>
Subject: [EXT] Re: today

Jane, that was so nice of you to offer. Typical response from you. Dr Erickson is grabbing them this morning and taking them to the lab in Logan so I think we have it covered. I certainly think you are capable of deciding what you are able to do but also feel that the rest of us can step up when you have had surgery. You are a tremendous asset thank you.
Dean

On Fri, Aug 14, 2020 at 6:55 AM Jane Kelly <jane.kelly@usu.edu> wrote:

> Good morning Dean and Tom,
> If you need any help today, let me know ([redacted] home number). I do have a respirator I can use at work if needed.
> Jane
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Subject: RE: Notes from 8/14 Conference call - Mink outbreak

Importance: High

Hi Dean,

Suelee spoke with Dr. Healey last night and he is good with not reporting to the county level; including to OIE. He wants to make sure the Mink industry is OK with that, as It could impact regionalization with trade. If this is not a concern for the industry, then we can keep reporting to the State level.

Please keep us posted on what UT and the industry decide on this.
Best,

Jane

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Subject: FW: Notes from 8/14 Conference call - Mink outbreak

Thank you Jane.

From: Rooney, Jane A - APHIS
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 11:05 AM
To: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Cc: De Carolis, Robert A - APHIS <robert.a.decarolis@usda.gov>; Herriott, Donald E - APHIS <don.e.herriott@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Notes from 8/14 Conference call - Mink outbreak

Hi Dean,

I am attaching the SARS-CoV-2 mink guidance document, developed prior to drafting the response plan guidance, and pasting the relevant FAQ below:

Q: Where can I get more information on carcass disposal?
A: Carcasses from COVID-19 positive, suspected, or exposed animals should be disposed of in compliance with all Federal, State, and local regulations. Additional information about State requirements for carcass disposal is available on the Veterinary Compliance Assistance Web site. APHIS, upon request, can provide technical support and guidance to assist in identifying and implementing a local disposal plan.

- Carcasses must be carefully transported to the approved disposal site to prevent contaminated material from escaping the transport vehicles. All vehicles should be cleaned and disinfected after each use.
- Onsite composting, onsite burial, incineration, landfill, and rendering, or a combination of these methods, are generally the most suitable options.
- For more information, visit the APHIS Carcass Management Dashboard at https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/emergency-management/carcass-management/carcass

If it is useful, I can also help in scheduling a call with other VS SMEs e.g., surveillance, diagnostics and disposal etc. to discuss response planning with you all.

Best,

Jane

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Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 10:52 AM

To: Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Notes from 8/14 Conference call - Mink outbreak

Jane,
Good morning. Do you have a feel for how these mink should be disposed of? Most have likely already gone to the landfill but going forward if there are precautions that we should take in that regard I would like to implement them.
Dean

On Fri, Aug 14, 2020 at 10:40 AM Rooney, Jane A - APHIS <jane.a.rooney@usda.gov> wrote:

> Hi Cindy,
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> I converted this back to word to make it easier to edit. I made updates to Suelee, Don, Mia and my information (track changes in the attached document). Also including them (and Beth Harris) on this message so they are aware, as I did not see them on the list.
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> Thanks,
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> Jane
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Subject: Notes from 8/14 Conference call - Mink outbreak

Hi Everyone,

Thank you for joining us yesterday on the conference call. Draft notes are attached.

I wasn't able to catch everyone's name, and affiliation. Please check that they are noted correctly and let me know if I need to fix anything or if I have missed anyone.

Please also let me know if any of my notes are inaccurate, or if there is information I should have included.

Because the notes are in draft form and will likely be updated, please do not distribute them.

We look forward to speaking with you all later today.

Thank you,

Cindy

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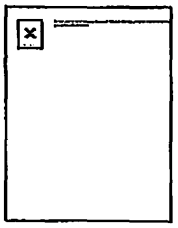
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Subject: RE: SARS-Cov-2 (COVID-19) in Mink in Utah

Thank you Dr. Price for the clarification.
I agree that the callers should be directed to call Bradie first.

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Subject: Re: SARS-Cov-2 (COVID-19) in Mink in Utah

The phone number for the State Vet's office changed recently. The correct number is (801) 982-2235.

However, please direct all calls to Bradie Jones at (801) 644-4063 and not Dr. Taylor so he doesn't get swamped.

On Fri, Aug 14, 2020 at 5:43 PM De Carolis, Robert A - APHIS <robert.a.decarolis@usda.gov> wrote:

> All UT/NV Personnel,
>
> If you get any questions about the above subject please refer them to Dr. Taylor at the UDAF office, 801-538-7161, and/or Bradie Jones, the Public Information officer (PIO) for UDAF.
>
> Her number is 801-644-4063.
>
> I would suggest that you refer question to Bradie first and the caller can go from there. This is a very sensitive matter so please use the upmost discretion and do not discuss this topic with anyone outside of the Utah/Nevada Personnel.
>
> Thank you all for your understanding and give me a call if you have any questions.

Again I want to emphasize the importance of confidentiality in this matter. We can discuss this more on our next Nevada/Utah call.

Thanks,

Bob

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Subject: RE: PIO group for COVID Mink Response
Attachments: CDC Utah Mink TPs_v3.DOCX

Hi all,

Sharing reactive talking points we developed for CDC use in case they are helpful. Thus far we have not received any inquiries.

Thanks,

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And you can refer inquiries about testing, confirmation, and reporting to the OIE to USDA at APHISpress@usda.gov or directly to me at the contact information below, if that's easier.

Thank you!

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In the event some of you didn't get these, here are some documents sent from the CDc and USDA that contain helpful information. Also, CDC said we can refer media calls to them at media@cdc.gov; 404-639-3286.

On Mon, Aug 17, 2020 at 10:16 AM Charla Haley <chaley@utah.gov> wrote:

Here's what I came up with -

On Mon, Aug 17, 2020 at 9:43 AM Aislynn Tolman-Hill <AislynnT@utahcounty.gov> wrote:

I had the same question.

Aislynn Tolman-Hill

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Charla,

Are we putting together some talking points that I can send to the hotline/chat teams? Or should I just use the news release from Bradie and then these from CDC?

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On Sat, Aug 15, 2020 at 3:10 PM Rebecca Ward <rward@utah.gov> wrote:

Thank you so much, Laura. We appreciate your support.

On Sat, Aug 15, 2020 at 3:07 PM Murrell, Laura (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD) <wjl9@cdc.gov> wrote:

Hi all,

It's probably more than you need, but I'm attaching our key messages on animals and COVID-19 in case you would like to pull language for talking points. It also includes a list of our guidance documents. As I mentioned, please feel free to refer any questions on public health implications of these cases to CDC. Please use the main CDC media contact for referrals: media@cdc.gov; (404) 639-3286. They will triage questions to our group.

Thanks!

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Good afternoon,

I wanted to share the attached documents in advance of our meeting at 2 p.m. The attached document is a draft of our press release for Monday. It is still going through USDA clearance, and is likely not in final form, so please do not share it outside of your organizations.

Additionally (and this link is also in the text of the release), here is a link to the document we put out recently sharing guidance for farmed mink: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/one_health/downloads/sars-cov-2-guidance-for-farmed-mink.pdf This link should be helpful to share with industry and to answer questions from media and stakeholders.

Talk to you all shortly.

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Based on the responses I've received, it looks like 2 p.m. MDT tomorrow (Saturday) will work best for everyone. I'll send an invite shortly, however, here is the call-in information just in case the Outlook invite doesn't work for everyone.

Conference line: 888-844-9904

Passcode: 7491926

Talk to you all tomorrow.

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All times except Saturday at 5:00 work for me.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 14, 2020, at 5:58 PM, Cole, Lyndsay M - APHIS <lyndsay.m.cole@usda.gov> wrote:
>
> Thank you for connecting all of us Hannah! Below, I listed a few possible times for a call this weekend. Please let me know which times will NOT work for you and I'll send an invitation based on the time that works for the greatest number of folks:
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> Saturday at 10:00 a.m. MT
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> Saturday at 2:00 p.m. MT
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> Saturday at 5:00 p.m. MT
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> Sunday at 10:00 a.m. MT
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Hello all,

I believe I have everyone on here who needs to be connected to discuss PIO issues for this mink release. Please feel free to add in others if I have missed anyone. I have also attached a sample report that Dr. Rooney has sent me to show what an OIE Report for SARS-CoV-2: OIE Follow-up Report may look like.

Thank you all!

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Utah Mink Talking Points

BLUF:

USDA's NVSL confirmed SARS-COV-2 infection in mink at two mink farms in Utah. These are the first cases of SARS-CoV-2 infections reported in mink in the United States, but not the first time globally reported.

Background:

- On August 17, 2020, the US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) confirmed that mink from two mink farms in Utah were infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.
- These are the first cases of confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infections in mink in the United States, but not the first time globally reported.
- Several mink were tested after unusually large numbers of mink died on these farms.
- Several people who had contact with mink on these farms were confirmed to have COVID-19. Investigations are ongoing to learn more to protect animal health and welfare and human health.
- The Utah Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory completed necropsies on several of the affected animals.
    - Samples were forwarded and tested presumptive positive for SARS-CoV-2 at the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory.
    - Both laboratories are members of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network.
    - The presumptive positive samples were then sent to NVSL for confirmatory testing.
    - On August 17, 2020, USDA's NVSL confirmed SARS-COV-2 infection in mink at two mink farms in Utah.
- SARS-CoV-2 was previously discovered in mink on multiple mink farms in the Netherlands, Denmark, and Spain.
    - SARS-CoV-2 infection in farmed mink has been characterized by respiratory disease and an increased mortality rate.
    - Because some workers on these farms had symptoms of COVID-19, it is likely that infected farm workers were the source of the mink infections.
    - Currently, there is no evidence that animals play a significant role in the spread of SARS-CoV-2 to people. However, reports from infected mink farms in the Netherlands suggest that in these environments there is the possibility for transmission of SARS-CoV-2 from mink to humans following infection of these animals.
- Recent research shows that ferrets, which are closely related to mink, can be experimentally infected with the virus and can spread the infection to other ferrets in laboratory settings.
- Many animals confirmed to have SARs-CoV-2 infection have had no symptoms or only had mild illness and recovered.
- At this time, routine testing of animals is not recommended. However, CDC and USDA have guidance on priorities for SARS-CoV-2 testing in animals. State and local animal health and public health officials will work with USDA and CDC to make determinations about whether animals should be tested for SARS-CoV-2, using a One Health approach.
- USDA and partners developed guidance for farmed mink in the United States.

Key Messages:

- Based on the limited information available to date, the risk of animals spreading COVID-19 to people is considered to be low.
- It appears that the virus that causes COVID-19 can spread from people to animals in some situations, especially after close contact with a person sick with COVID-19.
- Because there is a risk of people spreading the virus to animals, treat pets as you would other human family members – do not let pets interact with people outside your household.
- If a person inside your household becomes sick, isolate that person from everyone else, including pets and other animals.
- This is a rapidly evolving situation, and information will be updated as it becomes available.

Tough QAs:

1. **If mink died from COVID-19, can other animals?**
   There have been no confirmed deaths in other animals from infection with SARS-CoV-2. These mink were tested after unusually large numbers of mink died, and after necropsy on several mink infection with SARS-CoV-2 was confirmed. Mink farms in Europe also reported large numbers of deaths along with mink having SARS-CoV-2 infection. People with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 should avoid contact with animals, including pets,to avoid spreading the virus to animals.
2. **Could the mink have spread the virus to local wildlife?**
   Currently, there is no evidence to suggest the virus that causes COVID-19 spread from mink to wildlife, that the virus is circulating in free-living wildlife in the United States, or that wildlife might be a source of infection for people in the United States.

   If a wild animal were to become infected with the virus, we don't know whether the infection could then spread among wildlife or if it could spread to other animals, including pets. Further One Health studies are needed to understand if and how different animals, including wildlife, could be affected by COVID-19. Because wildlife can carry other diseases, even without looking sick, it is always important to enjoy wildlife from a distance.

3. **Are mink involved in spreading the virus to people?**

   There is no evidence that animals, including minks, are playing a significant role in the spread of COVID-19 to people. However, reports from infected mink farms in the Netherlands suggest that in these environments there is the possibility for transmission of SARS-CoV-2 from mink to humans following infection of these animals.

4. **Are there plans for addressing the outbreaks at these mink farms?**

   The affected mink farms have been quarantined to stop the spread of SARS-CoV-2. The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food has implementing stringent biosecurity measures and is working diligently with other organizations such as the Utah Department of Health, the

Melissa Ure

From: Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>
Sent: Saturday, September 5, 2020 8:16 AM
To: Dean Taylor
Cc: Hannah Rettler
Subject: Re: QAZ: Re: NP swabs and serology supplies

Good morning Dr. Taylor!

I wanted to check in to see if you have a sense of the likelihood we could come on farm today with Farm C? Please let me know if you were able to get a hold of him and if you think we may be able to sample today. If you think it's appropriate for me to call him directly myself and ask, I will do that! Thank you!!

On Fri, Sep 4, 2020 at 6:21 PM Cindy Burnett <cburnett@utah.gov> wrote:
That is great. Thanks Hannah!

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On Fri, Sep 4, 2020 at 5:53 PM Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov> wrote:
Dr. Taylor - we will have the materials ready and be on standby to hear if you get a hold of the farmer and if they want us to come by to sample tomorrow!! I can also call him directly if that sounds appropriate to do this evening, or tomorrow morning, but I will wait to hear from you before I do that. You can reach me on my cell 414-861-4005 if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!

On Fri, Sep 4, 2020 at 5:50 PM Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov> wrote:
Awesome, thanks Michelle!

I chatted with Kim briefly, she connected me with Jared (thank you Kim!!!), and Jared just called to let me know he is getting the box of supplies ready for me right now! I am heading over to UPHL now to get them. Thank you all!!!

On Fri, Sep 4, 2020 at 5:16 PM Michelle Grossman <mgrossma@utah.gov> wrote:
Hannah!
I completely forgot to run by the lab and pick up the extra blood draw supplies so, thanks to my procrastination, they're still there!! Hooray!!

Michelle

On Fri, Sep 4, 2020 at 5:12 PM Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov> wrote:

Hi both,

I made the mistake of returning the NP swabs and serology supplies that you both helped to kindly lend to us for the farm investigation. Do either of you know if those supplies are still stored at specimen receiving at UPHL and would possibly be available for me to pick up tomorrow morning? We may have an opportunity to test one of the other farms that we previously were not permitted access to, and we are trying to set something up last minute to see if we can go on farm to collect human samples tomorrow. If these are still available at specimen receiving, please let me know and I will stop by in the morning. Thank you!!

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Subject: Re: [EXT] One Health Touching Base

That's awesome Kerry, thank you.

In the meantime, we will cancel for tomorrow.

Stay tuned!

On Wed, Jul 15, 2020 at 12:37 PM Kerry Rood <kerry.rood@usu.edu> wrote:

I could put this together, distribute today

Kerry...

Kerry A. Rood, MS, DVM, MPH, DACVPM

From: Jodee Baker <jodeebaker@utah.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 12:35:02 PM
To: Kerry Rood <kerry.rood@usu.edu>
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Subject: Re: [EXT] One Health Touching Base

Is this something that you could put together in a week or so? And then we can make a decision after that? I don't want to have a meeting tomorrow if we are still unclear of our direction.

Any other thoughts?

On Wed, Jul 15, 2020 at 12:28 PM Kerry Rood <kerry.rood@usu.edu> wrote:

JoDee, I think I was going to help with this but it totally slipped my radar. I regret to say I have nothing to report.

Kerry...

Kerry A. Rood, MS, DVM, MPH, DACVPM

From: Jodee Baker <jodeebaker@utah.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 12:22:31 PM
To: Amanda Price <amandaprice@utah.gov>; Brose, Katie R - APHIS <Katie.R.Brose@aphis.usda.gov>; Bryan Smith <bsmith@co.davis.ut.us>; Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>; Dustin Durfee <ddurfee@utah.gov>; Echols Rebecca

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Subject: [EXT] One Health Touching Base

Hi everyone,

We have our meeting tomorrow and I was wondering if a survey was created to past attendees as to their thoughts on holding a virtual conference or canceling?

Are there any updates?

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Melissa Ure

From: Cooper T. MacCourtney <CMacCourtney@slco.org>
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 2:44 PM
To: Dean Taylor
Subject: RE: Corona Virus in Utah Mink Farms

I can only imagine how busy things must be, thanks for getting back to me with the information, I appreciate it and will keep it confidential.

Cooper

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From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Cooper T. MacCourtney <CMacCourtney@slco.org>
Subject: Re: Corona Virus in Utah Mink Farms

Mr MacCourtney,
I have been on the phone nearly every day all day and am not just getting to emails. You will not run into any of these farms in Salt Lake County. Please keep this information confidential.
Dean Taylor, DVM

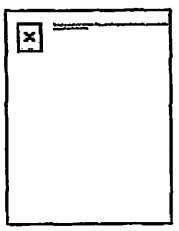
On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 1:59 PM Cooper T. MacCourtney <CMacCourtney@slco.org> wrote:

> Hello Mr. Taylor,
>
> I am a Health Inspector for Salt Lake County Health Department. I'm on the Zoonoses team for our bureau and I'm currently working on various complaints at mink farms in Salt Lake County. The complaints we respond to deal mostly with flies, manure management, etc. With the recent news of Corona Virus being discovered at a couple of the Mink farms in Utah, can you advise if any of the impacted mink farms are in Salt Lake County ? If possible, I'd like to know before I go to the farm to address the complaints we have received. Thank you in advance for your time.
>
> Respectfully,

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Melissa Ure

From: Kerry Rood <kerry.rood@usu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 8:45 AM
To: Hannah Rettler; Dean Taylor
Subject: Re: [EXT] Fwd: Worksite PPE + training for farms across Utah

I would be happy to attend and assist where UDAF and UPH think warranted.

Kerry

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From: Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>
Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 1:55 PM
To: Kerry Rood <kerry.rood@usu.edu>, Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Subject: [EXT] Fwd: Worksite PPE + training for farms across Utah

Hi both!

FYI, we are going to have a meeting with the UHERT and worksite team on Wednesday afternoon next week and would love if either of you are able to join if you would like to be involved in this. I am certain we will have additional discussions beyond this one, but this is just the first time we will all be gathering to discuss what kind of outreach/training may make the most sense and what the UHERT team has available as far as PPE/training. I will send you the invitation for our discussion next week.

--------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **McKenna Neville** <mckennaneville@utah.gov>
Date: Wed, Sep 2, 2020 at 7:38 AM
Subject: Re: Worksite PPE + training for farms across Utah
To: Rebecca Fronberg <rfronberg@utah.gov>
Cc: Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>, Kevin Mcculley <kmcculley@utah.gov>, Nikki Campbell <ncampbell@utah.gov>, Cindy Burnett <cburnett@utah.gov>, Bree Barbeau <bbarbeau@utah.gov>, Nathaniel Lewis <cdceisnml@utah.gov>

Happy to help out. PPE principles easily transfer from LTC to farms, UHERT would be happy to do what we can.

On Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 4:35 PM Rebecca Fronberg <rfronberg@utah.gov> wrote:

> Hi Hannah,
>
> We are now in the process of developing a Workplace Response for the state, that of course, would not exclude mink farms. Given the unique situation of potential cross-species infection, I think this would be a priority.

Right now, our team has primarily focused on providing this type of training to long term care facilities and is just now branching out into worksites. A farm is different, but probably doable. I'm going to just put this out there for McKenna and Kevin to weigh in on before I make a decision for all.

Thoughts???

—

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On Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 4:30 PM Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov> wrote:

> Hi Rebecca,
>
> This morning in a call with the CDC field team, we were discussing the importance of PPE as well as training for the proper use of PPE for prevention of COVID and stopping the spread of COVID on these farms that have been recently affected. We were wondering if this is something the worksite team may be able to help with, and what resources you may have available (PPE and/or personnel to help with on the ground training) for the farms?
>
> We know there are roughly 38 of these types of farms across the state of Utah, and at the moment, we are in contact with the ones that have had COVID spread across their farms affecting both humans and animals. We want to prioritize these farms first to get appropriate PPE and training for them as soon as possible, and this would be for approximately 4 people for Farm A, and 5-6 people on Farm B. We then want to make connections with the other farms across the state to offer the same PPE and training to hopefully prevent or slow the spread if this were to happen in other locations.
>
> If this is something you/the worksite team is able to help assist with, please let us know! Thank you!!
>
> —
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From: Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2020 7:57 AM
To: djtaylor@utah.gov
Subject: Hannah Rettler - out of office 10/1 - 10/13 Re: KHN query: Tests for COVID in animals

Thank you for your message. I am out of the office with limited access to e-mail and my replies may be a bit delayed. For time sensitive issues, please call our main Epidemiology line 801-538-6191 or email epi@utah.gov.

Warm regards,

Hannah

—
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- Nicole Hanna

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Going (djtaylor@utah.gov)? **Yes** - **Maybe** - **No** *more options »*

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Melissa Ure

From: Tom Baldwin <tom.baldwin@usu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 7:17 AM
To: Dean Taylor
Subject: Re: [EXT] mink testing

Hi Dean,

You are correct - we send samples directly to NVSL. We only used WADDL once, when the initial diagnosis was made.

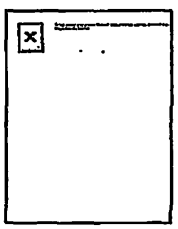
Hope you are well.

Tom

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From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 2:49 PM
To: Tom Baldwin <tom.baldwin@usu.edu>
Subject: [EXT] mink testing

Tom,
I should know this but now that a reporter is asking me I need to verify this. Are you doing the PCR on the mink currently and then sending it to NVSL or just necropsies? We aren't using WADDL for anything at this point is that correct?
Dean



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From: Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2020 6:49 PM
To: Dean Taylor
Subject: Farm recommendations from Dr. Rooney?

Hi Dr. Taylor,

Would you please share with me the farm guidance/recommendations that Dr. Rooney was referencing today on the call? I believe she said she had sent you a fairly extensive set of recommendations that covers specific guidance for these types of farmers. Thank you!

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From: Cindy Burnett <cburnett@utah.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 6:16 PM
To: Dean Taylor
Subject: Resampling mink

Hi Dr. Taylor,

Do you have time to chat on Tuesday about funds for additional mink testing, if the farms agree to resampling?

I am free from 9:30-12:30 or from 4:30-5:30.

Thank you,
Cindy

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From: Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 3:37 PM
To: suelee.robbe-austerman@usda.gov; Torchetti, Mia Kim - APHIS; Rooney, Jane A - APHIS; Dean Taylor; Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP); Nathaniel Lewis; Barton Behravesh, Casey (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD); Bree Barbeau; Eric Edwards; Nathan Selin; Cindy Burnett
Subject: Discussion to plan for sharing results with farms

Hello all,

After some discussion with CDC and UDAF, we would like to plan to share the results we have found with the farmers early next week.

Prior to sharing the results with the farmers, we would like to have a call among this group to discuss/plan for how to share these results, what the results mean for these farmers (their health, their employees health, the health of their animals, and the health/risk of the wildlife in surrounding areas), what we recommend as next steps, as well as offer suggestions for resources to support them moving forward.

If possible, we would like to host this call sometime between 8:30 - 11:30am MT on Monday 9/14. **If you are absolutely not available in this window of time, please let me know.**

Please let me know if there is anyone else you think should be a part of this discussion.

Thanks all!

--

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From: Kimberly Christensen <kchriste@utah.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 1:10 PM
To: Jodee Baker
Cc: Linda Bogdanow; Amanda Price; Brose, Katie R - APHIS; Bryan Smith; Dean Taylor; Dustin Durfee; Echols Rebecca; Hannah Rettler; Jane Kelly; kerry.rood@usu.edu; Kimberly Hersey; Landon Wiggins; Nancy Arbon; Ryan Hill; Willy Lanier
Subject: Re: One Health Meeting today!

I'm so sorry but I won't be able to make the call either! I have missed so many and feel bad. I haven't contributed anything this year! COVID is dumb!

Kim

On Thu, Sep 17, 2020 at 10:38 AM Jodee Baker <jodeebaker@utah.gov> wrote:

It's ok Linda! COVID is pounding all of us! I want it to end! Good luck with what you are working on!!

JoDee

On Thu, Sep 17, 2020 at 10:21 AM Linda Bogdanow <LBogdanow@slco.org> wrote:

Hi Jodee,

I'm so sorry, once again I need to be excused from todays meeting ...the COVID numbers are crazy for today and seem to keep pouring in and no end in sight...

I miss everyone..

Thank you for keeping it all going!

Linda

From: Jodee Baker <jodeebaker@utah.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 8:33 AM
To: Amanda Price <amandaprice@utah.gov>; Brose, Katie R - APHIS <Katie.R.Brose@aphis.usda.gov>; Bryan Smith <bsmith@co.davis.ut.us>; Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>; Dustin Durfee <ddurfee@utah.gov>; Echols Rebecca <rebeccaechols@comcast.net>; Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>; Jane Kelly <ejkelly@cc.usu.edu>; kerry.rood@usu.edu; Kimberly Christensen <kchriste@utah.gov>; Kimberly Hersey <kimberlyasmus@utah.gov>; Landon Wiggins <landon.wiggins@ihs.gov>; Linda Bogdanow <LBogdanow@slco.org>; Nancy Arbon <narbon@utah.gov>; Ryan Hill <CHill@slco.org>; Willy Lanier <william.lanier@fsis.usda.gov>
Subject: One Health Meeting today!

Hi everyone! We will be meeting today!

Look forward to chatting with you all!

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From: Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 10:38 AM
To: Dean Taylor
Subject: Re: UT Questionnaire/Investigation tool

Of course! Yes, I hope this is helpful for them, and this is what we can use ourselves in the future to help guide any additional investigations.

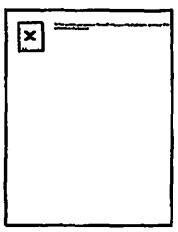
On Tue, Oct 13, 2020 at 2:53 PM Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov> wrote:

> Hannah,
> This is excellent and seems more succinct for a questionnaire that the one that was presented from USDA. It seems like they were combining a questionnaire with an ongoing SOAP form.
> Thank you for sharing this.
> Dean
>
> On Fri, Oct 9, 2020 at 8:42 PM Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov> wrote:
> Hello all,
>
> It was a pleasure speaking with you all this evening - we hope that the information we have learned from our investigation so far will be helpful for all of you, and as Dr. Taylor said, we are happy to be available as resources for you if you have questions as your own investigations are on-going.
>
> As mentioned on the call, Utah has developed a questionnaire to help guide our investigation and we are happy to share what we have with you all. The collaboration between public health and animal health has been key to this investigation, and we designed our questionnaire with that collaboration in mind. The tool is structured with a "parent" and a "child" format - the "parent" covers the farm level questions, and the "child" questionnaire covers the individual level questions for each person associated with the farms.
>
> We envision this being used as more of a guide to help keep track of what you learn about each farm as the investigation progresses, and will likely be filled in over time. This may also be something to consider building into your disease surveillance system.
>
> This is by no means an "official" tool, and could certainly be prettier, but we wanted you to at least have something to help guide you based on what we have learned and found to be helpful. Please feel free to distribute to whomever would benefit, and edit as you see fit for your needs!
>
> Thank you!
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Melissa Ure

From: Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 8:34 AM
To: Dean Taylor
Subject: Re: Sharing results with farmers

Ok that sounds good, thank you for letting me know!

On Sun, Sep 13, 2020 at 4:46 PM Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov> wrote:
Hi Hannah,
I should not be late but I do have a 9:00 meeting with 2 legislators that I cannot miss. I can't think that it will last longer that 30 min so do not change the meeting but realize that I may, if things go long, be a minute or two late but start without me if they do.
Dean

On Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 3:55 PM Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov> wrote:
If we made it a teeny bit later 9:30 MT / 11:30 ET would that also be possible for you both? This would allow a few other people at UDOH to be able to join who have a 9-9:30 call...

On Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 3:41 PM Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov> wrote:

Monday at 9am MT (11am ET) will work great for Casey and I! Thank you for organizing!

Caitlin

From: Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 5:25 PM
To: Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov>
Cc: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Subject: Re: Sharing results with farmers

Yes absolutely!

Caitlin, can you let me know if you and Casey have some availability between about 8:30-11am MT / 10:30-1pm on Monday? I will also coordinate with Suelee, Mia, and Jane Rooney to have them be a part of this preparation call as well.

On Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 3:20 PM Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov> wrote:

This sounds great to me! I think it will be good to include Mia and Suelee as well at least for the preparation call. Can you also include Casey on the preparation call please?

Thank you!

Caitlin

From: Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 4:30 PM
To: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Cc: Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Sharing results with farmers

That sounds like a great plan to me! I can send out an email to loop in Tom and Jared with Wildlife Services, and do you think we should also include Suelee and Mia from NVSL so we can all discuss the results?

If there's anyone else who you think should be on the preparation call (discussion BEFORE we share results with the farmers) let me know and I will get us all on an email chain to find a time to meet.

On Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 2:15 PM Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov> wrote:

> I would like to wait for final results on the bacteriology. That is a big concern for them and I would like to address it at one time and visit with them about return testing at the same time. Monday afternoon I am doing interviews for our elk position all afternoon but Tuesday would work for me. Could I set up some times on Tuesday to meet with them? I think that we could all find a time Tuesday morning or Monday morning to discuss items first. Thoughts?
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> On Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 2:03 PM Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov> wrote:
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> > Hi both,
> >
> > I agree with you both that it would be best to have these as individual calls with each farm to share their specific farm results, and it would be great to have Tom and perhaps Jared on these calls as well to share the wildlife findings.

My initial thought is that it would be great to set something up with the farmers for next week once we have the official reports completed from NVSL, and then we can share with them the total picture of what we discovered, and have some recommendations prepared for next steps ready to share with them. But I also would defer to Dr. Taylor if you think we should share the preliminary results today, and I can be available for a call this afternoon/evening. I am just busy between about 4:30-5:30 MT.

I think it would be great if perhaps we (Dr. Taylor, Caitlin, Tom, Jared, and anyone else who can help with interpreting/sharing the results) should have a brief check in prior to the call with the farmers to discuss how we want to present these findings, what we as a group believe this means for the farms, and what we want to have prepared as some next steps for them? Let me know what you think and I can get something scheduled for us.

On Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 1:52 PM Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov> wrote:

Hi Dr. Taylor,

This sounds good to me – and I agree with you that it might be best to have these as separate calls as there may be some sensitivity sharing the personal / farm-specific results. Also agree it will be great to have Wildlife Services join to share those results at the same time. One thing to note: we have not received the official reports from NVSL on the bacteriology testing that Suelee mentioned on last night's call (or at least I have not seen them yet). If you agree, I think it might be a good idea to wait to share the bacteriology results until we receive those official reports, so we have the final numbers and information from genotyping of the isolates.

I completely defer to you on if you'd like to have the calls with the farmers this afternoon to discuss the preliminary SARS-CoV-2 testing results, or if you'd like to wait to organize a call perhaps on Monday or early next week when we also have the bacteriology results and share all at once. I will make sure I am available for whatever you all decide!

All the best,

Caitlin

From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 3:40 PM
To: Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov>; Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>
Subject: Re: Sharing results with farmers

I think it would be good to share what we know with them sooner rather than later. Should we also have Tom Deliberto on the calls to share what they have found? I could try to set up a meeting with them for later this afternoon.If I scheduled a google meets call with each of them separately would that work. How much time should we plan for each facility? I am also assuming that we would do this individually ?? I have been having a number of joint meetings with them about funding but this would have personal and individual information.

Respond back on your thoughts when you get this. I need to run an errand or two so that I will be able to finish some clean up of my yard after the wind.

Dean

On Fri, Sep 11, 2020 at 12:38 PM Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov> wrote:

> Hi Hannah,
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> Thanks for following up on this! I defer to Dr. Taylor, but I am happy to join for the conversation as well if that would be helpful. Just let me know when and I will be sure to be available.
>
> Warm regards,
>
> Caitlin
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> **From:** Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>
> **Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2020 1:44 PM
> **To:** Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>; Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov>
> **Subject:** Sharing results with farmers
>
> Hi both!
>
> I wanted to touch base to see if you have a sense of when you plan to share the results with the farmers? I am getting requests internally to share the results we have seen so far, and want to be sure that the farmers are getting this information as soon as it is appropriate to interpret and share with them. I would like to be involved in that discussion when the results are reviewed with them so we can also discuss next steps and what resources we can help share/direct them to.

Thank you!

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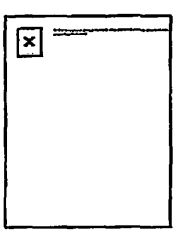
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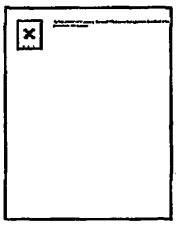
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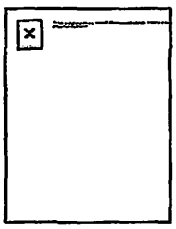
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From: Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Jane Kelly
Cc: Kerry Rood; Dean Taylor; Tom Baldwin
Subject: Re: [EXT] Procuring Formalin and Ethanol for CDC team

Thank you Jane - do you have any estimate of what the cost may be?

On Fri, Sep 25, 2020 at 10:20 AM Jane Kelly <jane.kelly@usu.edu> wrote:

Hi all:
We (UVDL Spanish Fork) can order the supplies if someone can reimburse us.
Jane

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From: Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2020 10:18 AM
To: Kerry Rood <kerry.rood@usu.edu>; Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>; Jane Kelly <jane.kelly@usu.edu>; Tom Baldwin <tom.baldwin@usu.edu>
Subject: [EXT] Procuring Formalin and Ethanol for CDC team

Hi all!

As we are working to coordinate the arrival of the CDC team next week, I am wondering if you all may be able to help assist with procuring the formalin and ethanol the team will require for the investigation. I believe all of you were involved in assisting with this last time they were here, so I thought I would start with reaching out to you first :)

The team will need **20L of 10% buffered formalin** and **10L of 90-95% ethanol**. Is this something that you have access to?

I am unclear about the appropriate funding mechanism to cover this procurement. If there is funding available on your ends to cover this purchase, please let me know, and if not, I will let the CDC team know that they will need to purchase it, and I believe they have mechanisms to purchase directly.

Thank you!!
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From: Baldwin - CDA, Maggie <maggie.baldwin@state.co.us>
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 1:33 PM
To: Dean Taylor
Cc: Amanda Price; Hannah Rettler; Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP)
Subject: Re: Mink Questionnaire

Okay, great. Thank you for your quick response.

I have a draft put together that I will be presenting with Jane Rooney to the Livestock Working Group tomorrow morning. We will be sure that you receive it quickly!

- Maggie

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On Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 1:31 PM Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov> wrote:
Maggie,
The Dept of Ag has not developed a specific questionnaire at this point but following some testing this week we will be putting together a response plan with the dept of health to handle these outbreaks. A detailed questionnaire will be something very useful for that. Nothing to provide currently.
Regards,
Dean J Taylor, DVM

On Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 1:25 PM Amanda Price <amandaprice@utah.gov> wrote:
Hi Maggie,

I haven't been that involved in the mink investigation, but I have looped in the 3 people who would know. Hannah, Dean, and Caitlin, do we have an epi questionnaire for the mink farms for SARS-CoV-2 that we can share with the SAHO/USDA/CDC Livestock Working Group?

Thanks!
Amanda

On Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 1:18 PM Baldwin - CDA, Maggie <maggie.baldwin@state.co.us> wrote:

Hi Amanda,

I've been working on the SAHO/USDA/CDC Livestock Working Group since this spring and have been tasked with developing a joint SAHO/PH epi questionnaire for mink farms for SARS-CoV-2.

Have you put together an animal questionnaire that you are using for investigations in Utah? If so, would you be able to share?

Thanks!

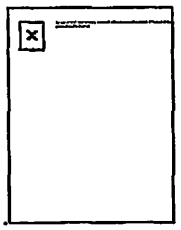
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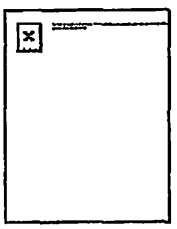
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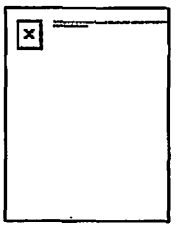
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Melissa Ure

From: Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 2, 2020 8:20 AM
To: Hannah Rettler
Subject: mink

Good morning,
I am trying to write up a presentation for NASAHO on this outbreak. I can't remember the order/ numbering on the farms. Can you please send me the numbering with just the corresponding initials of the owners and then I can get it all straight in my head again.
Thanks
Dean

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From: Caroline Hargraves <carolinehargraves@utah.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 9:42 AM
To: Dean Taylor
Subject: Re: UT farm investigation talking points

Agreed. That remark stood out as particularly negligent. Every comment I've found in an article that is false or irresponsible seems to be traced back to him/Fur Commissioner USA/ Utah Fur Breeders Association.

-Caroline

On Tue, Oct 13, 2020 at 9:27 AM Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov> wrote:
Michael Whelan makes stuff up to try and help protect the industry. This is dangerous. None of the mink released in Utah have been tested. I wish he would stick to the facts or not respond to any requests for interviews.

On Tue, Oct 13, 2020 at 8:33 AM Caroline Hargraves <carolinehargraves@utah.gov> wrote:
The first report I've seen of the mink release was published this morning from the Cache Valley Daily: https://cachevalleydaily.com/news/archive/2020/10/12/animal-rights-activist-let-loose-mink-in-northern-utah-and-southeast-idaho/#.X4W5xXhKhQI

There have been numerous stories about the infected mink over the last couple of weeks, but to my recollection this is the first I've seen mention the activists.

Warm regards,
-Caroline Hargraves

On Fri, Oct 9, 2020 at 5:09 PM Cindy Burnett <cburnett@utah.gov> wrote:
This looks good to me. Thanks.

I didn't know that activists were recently involved in releasing mink. Was that reported by the media?

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On Fri, Oct 9, 2020 at 11:47 AM Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov> wrote:
That sounds great, thanks very much Laura!

On Fri, Oct 9, 2020 at 7:15 AM Murrell, Laura (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD) <wjl9@cdc.gov> wrote:

Hi Hannah,

No concerns from us. We have been saying that CDC is supporting the state in a One Health investigation, the investigation is ongoing, and referring media to you for further details. Thanks for sharing!

Best,

Laura (Smith) Murrell, MA

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From: Hannah Rettler <hrettler@utah.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2020 10:08 PM
To: Bree Barbeau <bbarbeau@utah.gov>; Cindy Burnett <cburnett@utah.gov>; Charla Haley <chaley@utah.gov>; Rebecca Ward <rward@utah.gov>; Dean Taylor <djtaylor@utah.gov>; Caroline Hargraves <carolinehargraves@utah.gov>; Cossaboom, Caitlin (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP) <nrm9@cdc.gov>; Harvey, Reid (CDC/NIOSH/RHD/FSB) <iez1@cdc.gov>; Barton Behravesh, Casey (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD) <dlx9@cdc.gov>; Nathaniel Lewis <cdceisnml@utah.gov>; Murrell, Laura (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD) <wjl9@cdc.gov>
Subject: UT farm investigation talking points

Hello all,

I have attached a draft of our updated talking points for this investigation - I used our previous points from August, and incorporate a few notes from what Dr. Taylor has provided after his recent interviews. Please let me know if there are any major edits you would suggest and send back to me with track changes so that I may incorporate the suggestions.

Thanks very much!

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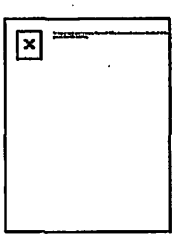
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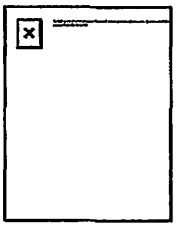
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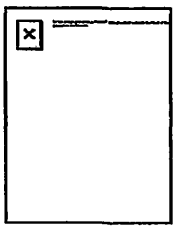


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