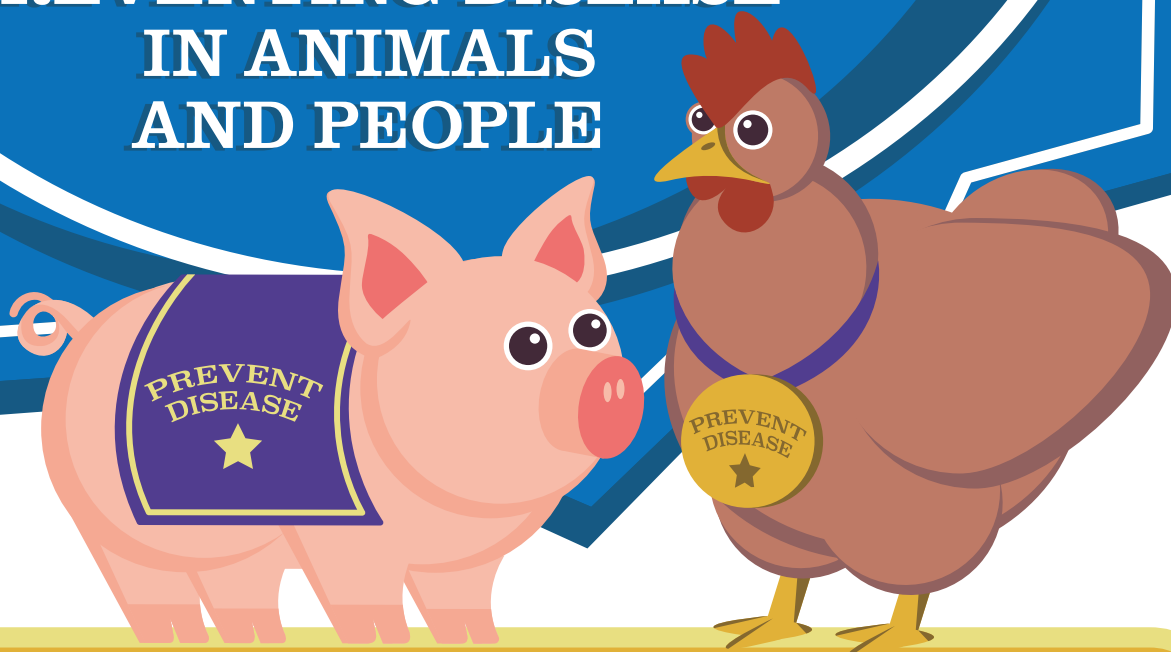


EXCELLENCE IN EXHIBITION: PREVENTING DISEASE IN ANIMALS AND PEOPLE



FREE ONLINE COURSE TO TEACH YOUTH ABOUT ZOO NOTIC DISEASES

Who should take the course?

- Youth ages 13–18 exhibiting animals
- Club leaders
- Chapter advisors
- Parents
- Teachers

What will you learn?

- Disease information
- Disease risks
- Disease prevention
- Influenza case studies
- Career opportunities in One Health

BRING HOME THE BLUE, NOT THE FLU!

Raising and showing livestock help youth develop responsibility, learn good sportsmanship, and gain confidence. While raising and showing animals have an overall positive impact on youth and the community, there are many animal diseases that can be spread between people and animals (zoonotic diseases), especially when people have close contact with animals. Several animal-related disease outbreaks, such as influenza and *E. coli*, have been associated with fairs and resulted in severe illness in youth.

Youth livestock projects can also present disease transmission risks to animals due to the commingling of various animals and animal species from different locations.

Understanding disease risks and preventive measures is critical to reduce the occurrence of zoonotic diseases. Awareness of these risks can help youth to understand the importance of disease prevention for themselves, their animals, and the public.

The course is compatible across all electronic devices and is divided into six interactive lessons. Each should take 20–30 minutes to complete. A certificate of completion with the student's name, chapter or club, and county is provided at the end of each lesson. Additional resources for students and instructors or club leaders are available on the website.

Take the course: BlueNotFlu.org
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