



# AFRICAN SWINE FEVER WHAT TO LOOK FOR

African swine fever (ASF) is one of the most severe viral diseases of pigs. It affects pigs of all ages but cannot infect humans. No cure or vaccine exists for this virus.

Although no cases of African swine fever have been reported in Canada, prudent action and quick detection will mitigate the spread and benefit the entire industry if the virus was to be introduced in Canada.

## IF YOU SUSPECT YOUR HERD IS SICK

- **Contact your herd veterinarian immediately** if you see any clinical signs in pigs on your farm that could be associated with an ASF infection.
- **Stop all pig movements.** Never move, sell or send to livestock auctions/yards sick or compromised pigs from your farm. This will prevent further spread of infections.
- **Implement a self-quarantine** on all animals, feed and equipment until you know the cause of the illness.

## SIGNS OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER IN PIGS

- High fever (>40°C)
- Weakness and difficulty standing
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea (may be bloody)
- Red or blue blotches on the skin (particularly around ears, snout and hindquarters)
- Coughing or labored breathing
- In sow barns: miscarriage, abortions, stillbirths, and weak litters can occur
- High proportions of the animals with the disease will die within 10 days.



More information about African swine fever can be found at [www.cpc-ccp.com/african-swine-fever](http://www.cpc-ccp.com/african-swine-fever)



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