## **Wyoming Department of Health Best Management Practices**

- WDH Best Management Practices (BMP) for Hunters
  - Practice good hygiene during and after handling all raw meat and viscera
  - Wear gloves
  - Protect clothing from contamination
  - Wear eye protection
  - Wash hands thoroughly after dealing with carcass
  - Clean and disinfect areas where carcass was cleaned
  - Dispose of all waste appropriately
- WDH BMP for vaccine exposure
  - See a health care provider
  - A baseline blood sample will be collected for testing of antibodies
  - take antibiotics for three weeks
  - At the end of that time you should be rechecked and a second blood sample should be collected.
- WDH BMP for pregnant women and immunocompromised people
  - Stay away from cattle and housing areas
    - particularly from pregnant animals and birthing areas
  - Consume only pasteurized dairy products
  - Wash hands often
  - Have family members remove clothing and wash hands thoroughly before entering household
- WDH BMP for persons working in a laboratory setting with *Brucella abortus* 
  - Work with specimens suspected of harboring *Brucella* and all culture isolates in biologic safety cabinet
  - Minimize procedures that might generate aerosols
  - Wear appropriate personal protective clothing
    - Eye wear
    - Gloves
- WDH BMP for persons living and working on a farm where brucellosis has been detected
  - Recommend family consult with their local physician
  - Physician can provide history and physical exam work up
    - They will determine whether or not family members should be tested
  - If physician has questions they are encouraged to contact WDH
- WDH BMP for Physicians
  - Promote awareness of brucellosis among area health providers to promote an index of suspicion in persons presenting with a compatible illness and consistent epidemiologic history and encourage testing.

## • WDH BMP for WDH and PHL

- Appropriate epidemiologic investigation should be conducted around all confirmed brucellosis cases to identify an possible ongoing sources of transmission
- All isolated of brucellosis should be identified to the species level, to facilitate recognition of the relevant food and or animal source of infection.

## WDH BMP for veterinarians

- Wear sturdy gloves and eye protection when assisting calving or aborting animals
- o Scrub with soap and water after all procedures
- o Cover open wounds
- o Recommend ranchers clean and disinfect calving areas and other places contaminated with infective material
- o Contact health care provider in case of vaccine exposure

## • WDH BMP for slaughter house workers

- o Use personal protective equipment
  - Eye shields
  - Gloves
  - Masks
  - Efficacy of this alone is unknown
- o Reduce exposure to infected animals by eliminating commercial slaughter of such animals