CERTIFIED SWINE SAMPLE COLLECTOR
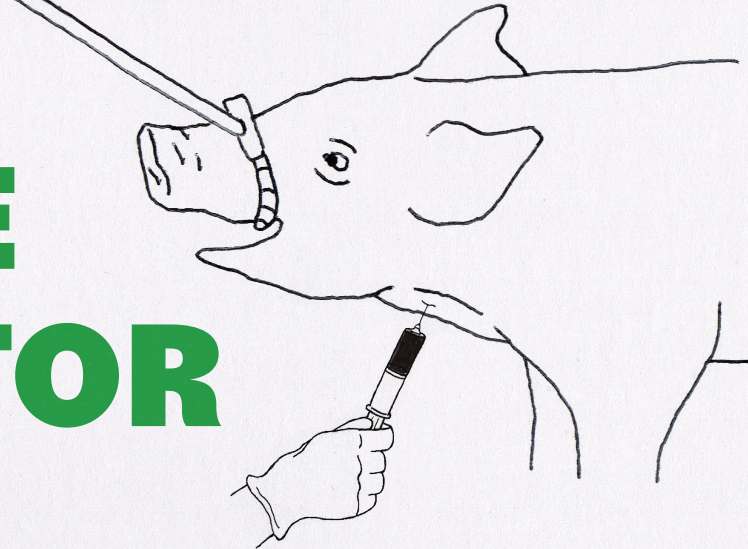
(CSSC) TRAINING

PROGRAM: Steps for Category II Accredited Veterinarians to Train CSSCs

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1.

Contact the State Animal Health Official (SAHO) in the state(s) in which you plan to train or use CSSCs.

Confirm participation eligibility and any additional requirements that exist.

The point of contact for each state can be found here.

2.

Review the CSSC Program Standards.

The full CSSC Program Standards can be found here. Category II accredited veterinarians will train individuals how to properly collect samples from swine for diagnostic and surveillance purposes. Veterinarians will use a standardized curriculum described in the Program Standards so stakeholders can be assured all CSSCs are consistently trained and certified. View additional Frequently Asked Questions about the CSSC program.

3.

Identify individuals who could be trained to collect and submit samples on your behalf.

Category II accredited veterinarians should be confident in the abilities of the CSSCs who are submitting samples under their supervision. The Category II accredited veterinarian is responsible for the samples collected and submitted by CSSCs under their supervision.

4.

Access CSSC training materials at securepork.org/cssc.

Videos and handouts are available for each of the required content topics and sample collection types. It is recommended that trainers download the training materials prior to their training session.

5.

Conduct classroom and hands-on training.

Conduct classroom training as described in the CSSC Program Standards which includes showing the videos, reviewing the handouts, and administering the written exam. During hands-on training, trainers will demonstrate the correct collection technique and trainees will practice these techniques and demonstrate their proficiency.

6.

Submit a list of trained individuals to SAHO(s) in state(s) trainees will be collecting samples.

Use the spreadsheet located at the bottom of the securepork.org/cssc webpage to record the required trainee information.