

Mycoplasma bovis Programme

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Dear teachers and students,

Calf club is part and parcel of rural life, and I know people are looking forward to parading their pet animals from the farm.

But because *Mycoplasma bovis* is now in New Zealand, we're asking everyone to be extra careful when our calves get close to other calves.

The disease spreads primarily through nose-to-nose contact.

We've created a poster and a teacher resource designed to remind everyone that by taking some basic steps, we can all do our bit to keep calves healthy.

We also need to keep in mind good health and safety practices, as a result of COVID-19. Frequent use of hand sanitiser and hand washing are important steps in keeping everyone safe and healthy.

M. bovis is an awful disease that we don't want affecting all of our cattle. Working with the farming sector and people like you, we're doing all we can to get rid of it. To find out more about the *M. bovis* Eradication Programme, check out www.mbovis.govt.nz

I hope you enjoy your calf club.

Yours sincerely



Stuart Anderson
Director *M. bovis* Eradication Programme



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Getting ready for Calf Club 2020

If you can tick these boxes, you'll be keeping your animals healthy and helping to stop diseases like *Mycoplasma bovis* from spreading around New Zealand.

DOES YOUR CALF HAVE ITS OWN:

food + water containers?

halter + lead?

More information and support

Email: MBovis2017_Liaison@mpi.govt.nz

Phone 0800 00 83 33

www.mbovis.govt.nz

IS YOUR CALF:

tied up at least 2 metres away from other calves?

Keep your calves
2 metres apart!



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