Erysipelas is a contagious disease of pigs of all ages, but is especially a problem in young pigs. Although it can cause sudden death in pigs, usually the animals are just very sick. They have high fevers, go off feed, and are depressed/inactive. Pigs may get red spots on their skin. Infected pigs are very contagious. The incubation period can be as short as one day. Most pigs respond to antibiotic treatment and recover.

If a pig has Erysipelas at fair, they must leave the fair and cannot be sold at the auction. It is essential to prevent Erysipelas in our pigs. **It is strongly recommended that all 4-H and FFA pigs be vaccinated** and appropriate boosters administered.

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