



## DLD supports COVID-19 vaccine, build confidence in livestock products



Department of Livestock Development (DLD) responds to the government's carpet vaccination policy about mass vaccination against the COVID-19 for the people by campaign the vaccination against the COVID-19 virus in all officers of the DLD and employees in the exported slaughterhouses to prevent

disease and to reassure consumers that meat is free from the COVID-19 virus.

Dr. Sorravis Thaneto, Director General of DLD, said that under the COVID-19 outbreak situation, vaccination is one of the factors that can reduce the spread of this disease. Department of Livestock Development is responsible for inspection and supervision the livestock productions for both domestic consumption and export. There is a policy for all exported slaughterhouses provide vaccine for their employees to assure consumers that the meat is safe and free from COVID-19 contamination. The overall, 22% of employees in exported slaughterhouses have received the first dose of vaccination and 4% of employees have received the second dose. In private sectors expected that about 80% of employees will get the first vaccination within August 2021. In addition, DLD has policy for all officers who involved with the exported slaughterhouses must be vaccinated. Nowadays, 80% of the DLD officers have received the first dose and 50% of the officers have received the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine. We expected that all staff will receive the first dose of vaccine within August.

The DG of DLD added that vaccination is one of the factors that can prevent the spread of this disease. However, DLD has strict measures to supervise on livestock production according to sanitary principles and COVID-19 preventive measures by focusing on 3 topics as:  
1) employees or people who contact food must pass the COVID-19 test, receive COVID-19





vaccination as planned, have their own health monitoring, good personal hygiene practice, keeping distance, and follow the DMHTT principles (D : Social Distancing, M : Mask wearing every time you go to public areas, H : Hand washing with water and soap or alcohol gel, T : Testing, quick examination, quick treatment, quick disease control, and T: Thai cha na application), 2) the production area is maintained cleanliness in accordance with Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) by cleaning and disinfection, do together with control at the critical control point (CCP) in production process, 3) about products, to strictly on food safety controls since receiving raw materials, preparation process, production process, storage and transportation to prevent the contamination. Moreover, DLD staffs has sampling to COVID-19 contamination test in products, equipment, and environment to insure the safety, please be assured that the livestock meat is safe and no contamination with the COVID-19 virus. DLD advises consumers to buy meat from shop have a certification from the DLD or look for the logo "Livestock OK".

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