

Backyard Biosecurity Self Evaluation

(You should answer “Yes” to every question!)

1. Keep Your Distance.

- Do you restrict visitor access to your property and your birds?
- Is your bird area fenced in or is there some sort of barrier to keep visitors out?
- Do you prevent visitors with their own birds from coming into contact with your birds?
- Are your birds protected from contact with wild game birds and migratory waterfowl?



2. Keep it Clean.

- Do you properly clean and disinfect equipment that contacts your birds?
- Do you change into clean clothes and shoes and wash your hands before entering your bird area?
- Do you clean cages and change food and water daily?



3. Don't Haul Disease Home.

- Do you disinfect your vehicle tires, poultry cages, and equipment before returning home after contact with other birds or bird owners?
- Do you keep birds that have been to a fair or exhibition separated from the rest of your flock for at least two weeks after the event?
- Do you isolate new birds from your flock for at least 30 days?



4. Don't Borrow Disease From Your Neighbor.

- Do you avoid sharing lawn and garden equipment, tools, or poultry supplies with your neighbors or other bird owners?
- If you bring these items home do you clean and disinfect them before they reach your property?



5. Know the Warning signs of Infectious Bird Diseases.

- Do you know the warning signs of infectious bird diseases such as Avian Influenza (AI) and Exotic Newcastle Disease (END)?
 - Sudden increase in bird deaths in your flock
 - Sneezing, gasping for air, coughing, and nasal discharge
 - Watery and green diarrhea
 - Lack of energy and poor appetite
 - Drop in egg production or soft- or thin-shelled misshapen eggs
 - Swelling around the eyes, neck, and head
 - Purple discoloration of the wattles, combs, and legs (AI)
 - Tremors, drooping wings, circling, twisting of the head and neck, or lack of movement (END)



6. Report Sick Birds

- Do you know who to contact if your birds are sick or dying?
 - Your local cooperative extension office, local veterinarian, the State Veterinarian, your State animal-health diagnostic laboratory, or U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Veterinary Services office (Toll-free hotline: 1-866-536-7593)



This Backyard Poultry Biosecurity Self Evaluation is based off of the USDA APHIS Biosecurity for the Birds Guide.

If you have any questions please contact the **Indiana State Poultry Association** at 765-494-8517 or ispa@purdue.edu.