



# Biosecurity at Home and Show

## Department of Agriculture

Raising healthy birds starts with biosecurity at home and at shows. Bird flu (avian influenza) is a disease caused by influenza type A virus that can infect poultry. Most strains are low pathogenic. Highly pathogenic strains (HPAI) are highly contagious in birds and often cause death in poultry. Poultry owners need to be on alert and protect their birds through proper biosecurity to help prevent HPAI and other poultry diseases.

### Biosecurity Tips at the Show

- Don't share equipment
- Clean and disinfect all equipment and coops before going to and coming home from a show
- Don't handle other's birds
- Wash hands frequently
- Clean vehicles inside and out
- Do not bring any of your home chore clothes/shoes to the show
- Change out of dirty clothes and shoes right before leaving the show

### Biosecurity Tips at Home

- When returning home, quarantine all birds that attended a show for 21 days
- Wear clean clothes/ shoes
- Prevent contact with wild birds & waterfowl
- Keep birds sheltered in animal proof /bird proof houses
- Avoid visitors to your flock
- Monitor flock for unusual signs of illness
- Follow good biosecurity practices every day!

**If you have high unexplained/abnormal mortality or suspect disease, contact ODA at (614) 728-6220 or after hours at (888) 456-3405.**



### FOR MORE INFORMATION



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