

# BACKYARD BIOSECURITY SELF EVALUATION

**A poultry flock owner should be able to check off every item on this list!**

## KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

- I restrict visitor access to my property and my birds.
- My bird area is fenced in or has a barrier to keep visitors out.
- I prevent other bird owners from coming into contact with my birds.
- My birds are protected from contact with wild game birds and migratory fowl.

## KEEP IT CLEAN

- I properly clean and disinfect equipment that comes into contact with my birds.
- I change into clean clothes and shoes and wash my hands before entering my birds areas.
- I clean the cages and change my birds food and water daily.

## DO NOT HAUL DISEASE HOME

- After contact with other birds/bird owners, before returning home, I disinfect my vehicle tires, poultry cages and equipment.
- Birds that I took to the fair/exhibition are separated from the rest of the flock for at least two weeks after the event.
- New birds are isolated from my current flock for at least 30 days.

## DO NOT BORROW DISEASE FROM YOUR NEIGHBOR

- I do not share lawn and garden equipment, tools, or poultry supplies with my neighbors. When I borrow equipment from my neighbors, before I bring it onto my property I make sure to properly clean and disinfect the equipment.

## KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS OF INFECTIOUS BIRD DISEASE

- I can identify the warning signs of infectious bird diseases (such as Avian Influenza and Virulent Newcastle Disease). Symptoms can be:
  - Sudden increase in bird deaths in my flock
  - Sneezing, gasping for air, coughing, and nasal discharge
  - Watery and green diarrhea
  - Lack of energy and poor appetite
  - Drop in egg production
  - Swelling around the eyes, neck and head.
  - Purple discoloration of the wattles, combs, and legs (AI)
  - Tremors, dropping wings, circling, twisting of the head and neck, or lack of movement (vND)

## REPORT SICK BIRDS BY CALLING 1-866-536-7593

If you suspect that your birds might be showing symptoms of infectious bird disease, please call the above number or reach out to the Indiana State Poultry Association at **1-765-494-8517** or [ispa@purdue.edu](mailto:ispa@purdue.edu)

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