



NATIONAL POULTRY IMPROVEMENT PLAN OF INDIANA

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Re: Pullorum-Typhoid Testing for 2020 Indiana County Fair Exhibitions and Poultry Shows

To: Indiana NPIP Exhibition Poultry Participants, Indiana County Poultry Superintendents, Indiana NPIP Blood Testers, Purdue University Extension Educators, poultry exhibitors, and interested parties.

Elanco Animal Health ended sales of the Pullorum-Typhoid (P-T) antigen in December of 2018 and sold that business to Charles River. At the time, Elanco was the only firm licensed to manufacture and sell the P-T antigen. Unfortunately, along with a lengthy USDA approval process for Charles River and some production issues, manufacturing of the P-T antigen has taken much longer than expected. A recent report from Charles River stated that an extremely limited supply of P-T antigen was currently in production and that production would be ramping up in the coming months, with the expectation that it would be widely available in the second half of 2020. This unique situation is impacting the entire nation.

For those that might have expired P-T antigen, we will continue to accept the use of P-T antigen beyond the expiration date printed on the bottle. The science behind this works, because if the antigen is handled properly the antigen will still differentiate between positive and negative flocks. If the antigen is *not* handled properly the antigen will show everything as being positive, and each of these positive tests would have to be reported immediately to our office. If you have any questions on using expired P-T antigen, do not hesitate to call us at (765) 494-8517.

Unfortunately, even extending the life of existing P-T antigen has not been sufficient to get us through this period without antigen production. So **effective immediately, Indiana will waive the Salmonella pullorum and Salmonella typhoid (P-T) testing requirement during 2020 fair season, through September 30, 2020.**

The exception to this waiver is that out-of-state poultry that are NOT from an NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid clean flock must be P-T tested. All poultry coming into Indiana must either be from an NPIP certified Pullorum-Typhoid clean flock utilizing a completed VS Form 9-3 or are required to prove that they have been P-T tested prior to arrival in Indiana and within 90 days of exhibition.

Should P-T antigen become widely available through various poultry supply retailers before September 30, we will reexamine this waiver.

For up-to-date information on this waiver and P-T antigen availability, visit the Indiana State Poultry Association's website at www.INpoultry.com.

In 1981 Indiana became an official U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean state. Your continued adherence to proper biosecurity practices will help keep Indiana Pullorum-Typhoid free during this summer season. For a review of common biosecurity practices visit the [USDA APHIS Defend the Flock Program](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/area_default.asp?menu=defend_the_flock) website.

Sincerely,

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