



HPAI Infection Control Checklist for Backyard Bird Owners

Owner's Name:			
Address:			
Phone Number:			
Email Address:			
Date:		In-person or virtual/phone site visit:	
HCHD Staff Name:			
Flock Information			
Number of barns/coops:			
Number of birds in each barn:		Total number of birds:	
Species of birds:			
Type of flock (turkey, chicken, layer, breeder, backyard, etc.):			
Types of other animals:		Total number of other animals:	
Avian Influenza Biosafety Checklist			Yes
			No
1	Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water before and after caring for your poultry		
2	Poultry should be under roof and house doors locked and prohibited from entering your premise		
3	Restrict access to poultry. Consider posting "restricted access" signage securing the area with a locked gate or both		
4	Keep pets away from egg room, chicken houses, and/or egg processing area		
5	Ensure that contaminated materials on the ground are not transported into the poultry growing house or area		
6	Thoroughly clean any piece of equipment you use with your chickens (shovels, rakes, etc.		
7	Wear clothing and shoes that you only wear when caring for poultry, this includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Disposable gloves or gloves capable of being disinfected. ▪ Protective clothing (e.g., long-sleeved coveralls with a waterproof apron) ▪ Disposable shoe covers or shoe covers that can be disinfected. ▪ Safety goggles ▪ Respiratory protection Remove and discard personal protective, change clothing, clean and disinfect your boots, when done		
8	Secure and cover feed bins to prevent wild birds, rodents, or other animals from accessing it. Clean spill feed promptly to prevent attracting wild birds and rodents		
9	Ensure wild birds and rodents cannot access water supplies for drinker and cool cells		

10	Cover and properly contain used litter, or other disease-containing organic materials to prevent wild birds, rodents, or other animals from accessing them, and keep them from being blown around by the wind		
11	Handwashing/sanitizing stations available at each poultry house entrance		
12	Clean and disinfect chicken transport equipment (carts, loaders, ramps) before use, unless removing all poultry from the premises		
13	Clean and disinfect all surfaces in and outside your poultry house using EPA approved disinfectant according to manufacturer's label		
14	Isolate any birds returning from shows for 30 days to observe for signs of illness before placing them with the rest of your flock		
15	Consider not reusing any egg cartons or shared equipment from your neighbors or other friends who keep chickens. If equipment is shared, ensure proper cleaning and disinfection with EPA approved disinfectant		
16	Get vaccinated for seasonal influenza annually		
17	Report any unusual or sudden increases in sick birds and death to the MDA Animal Health Program at 410-841-5810 and Howard County Health Department at 410-313-1412		

For additional information on avian influenza, please visit the websites listed below:

[MDA Poultry Information](#)

[MDA Avian Flu](#)

[Avian Influenza in Birds | Avian Influenza \(Flu\) \(cdc.gov\)](#)

[Maryland Sick Bird Reporting for Back Yard Flocks](#)

[USDA HPAI Biosecurity Checklist](#)