

BIOSECURITY MEASURES FOR VISITORS TO POULTRY FARMS

All poultry farms are biosecured areas, and all traffic must be kept to a minimum. If any business can be conducted over the phone, please do so. If a farm visit is unavoidable, coordinate it with the grower and/or the appropriate poultry company, and at all times follow the steps below.

- ❑ All vehicles entering a poultry farm must stop at the farm entrance and fill out the visitor log in the mailbox (for farms that have boxes). Please include your name, date, time, company association, reason for visit, and farms visited previously on that day.
- ❑ ALL vehicles must be thoroughly disinfected before entering and before leaving a poultry farm. Remember, surfaces must be adequately cleaned in order for disinfectants to work.
- ❑ Personnel driving or riding in a vehicle that goes on a farm must have protective boots. Rubber or plastic boots must be put on before getting out of the vehicle. These boots must be worn the whole time on the farm and must be discarded on-site before re-entering the vehicle.
- ❑ Vehicle windows should be rolled up at all times while on the poultry farm in order to prevent flies from getting into the vehicle.
- ❑ For all service vehicles, the floorboard area, including pedals and the entire floor, must be cleaned and disinfected daily. This cleaning and disinfecting is necessary, even if the driver and passengers are wearing disposable plastic boots.
- ❑ Entry into the poultry houses is strictly forbidden unless pre-authorized by the grower or the poultry company.
- ❑ Any repairs that require entry into poultry houses must include clean coveralls, hair nets, clean boots, and use of a disinfect station at the door.
- ❑ When exiting the farm, disposable boots should be put in a receptacle provided at the farm. Before entering your vehicle, spray shoes with disinfectant.
- ❑ Hands, rubber boots and any tools or equipment used on the farm must be washed and disinfected.
- ❑ Vendor vehicles must be kept clean at all times.
- ❑ If you are in any questionable disease situations on a farm, please call before going to other farms.

NOTE: these are minimal guidelines. Additional measures may be required.

The RI DEM Division of Agriculture reserves the right to amend the above mentioned requirements for Avian Influenza with the goal of any changes still being to prevent, contain and eliminate the disease. Changes to the general guidelines of the protocol may result from information including, but not limited to, virus strain, pathogenicity, morbidity and mortality, movement of birds and products, and additional epidemiological information obtained as a result of avian influenza investigations.