

HPAI – Don't bring it home

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza is a threat to flock health



Change your shoes when entering and leaving the chicken coop.



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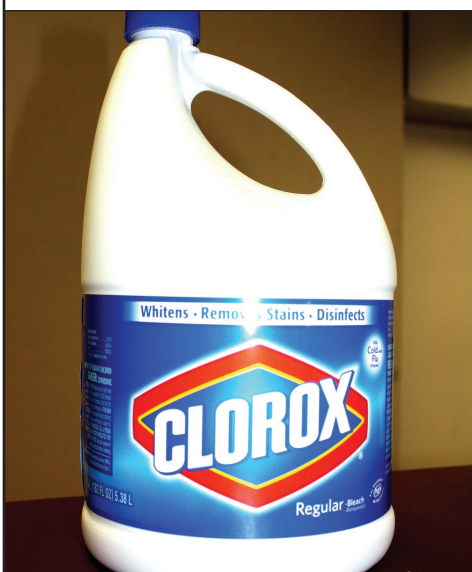
Do not allow visitors, neighbors, or friends visit your chickens unless they have clean clothes. You can post signage to limit people entering your flock.



Washing hands before and after contact with birds will decrease the spread of disease.



you should use clothes and shoes that are only worn when you work with your flock. At a minimum, wash your clothes as soon as you are done with your chickens.



Clean boots and equipment, such as feeders and waterers, with soap and effective disinfectants
Example: 6% Bleach in a 1:32 ratio (4 ounces for each gallon of water).



Have a separate isolation area for all incoming poultry even if they are birds that were already part of your flock. House them separately for at least 28 days.



Do not borrow equipment from other poultry owners. If you do borrow something, clean and disinfect it before bringing to your flock or using it.



If your backyard poultry flock has a high death loss or consistent pattern of death loss in a short period of time, report it to MDARD at 800-292-3939; (after hours) 517-373-0440.

HPAI is a circulating virus found in wild birds specifically waterfowl. Domestic poultry are highly susceptible to this virus. Proper precautions and biosecurity methods are necessary to protect your poultry from this detrimental virus. Displayed are minimal biosecurity practices that should be implemented to safeguard against this disease. If you suspect that your flock has been exposed to this virus, please call your veterinarian immediately.

For more information on this or other flock health concerns please contact a Michigan State University Extension county office or call 888-MSUE4MI (888-678-3464) to locate an expert in your area.