

How to Protect Your Birds

The recent outbreak of highly pathogenic Avian Influenza (bird flu) in Iowa is a reminder about the importance of good bio-security for your poultry. So, what can you as a 4-H member do?

1. Know the warning signs of infectious bird diseases
2. Restrict access to your birds and your property
3. Cleanliness and sanitation are a must
4. Avoid bringing or carrying disease home
5. Avoid sharing equipment with your neighbors or other bird owners
6. Know the phone number of your local veterinarian and report any sick birds

And finally, realize that as a 4-H member, you can do a lot to protect the health and bio-security of your birds. Be pro-active – have a bio-security plan and follow it!

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www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/pdf/AI/KeySteps.pdf