To protect our state’s livestock and minimize the potential spread of the HPAI virus, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) released additional dairy exhibition health requirements on June 25, 2024.

**Which cattle are included in this order?**
The order applies to dairy cattle which includes, but is not limited to, lactating dairy cows, heifers, dry cows, and bull calves. Any dairy cattle originating from an HPAI affected herd are prohibited from exhibiting.

**What additional steps are required to show my dairy project this summer?**
- **ALL** dairy cattle MUST have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within 7 days of arriving at any exhibition, or county or state fair. This includes, but is not limited to, lactating cows, heifers, dry cows and bull calves.
- In addition to a CVI, an accredited USDA category II veterinarian or someone under their direct supervision must collect milk samples for testing within 7 days of arrival at any exhibition or fair from each of the following:
  - The individual lactating cow intended for exhibition,
  - A sample for the bulk milk tank, representing the entire herd, and
  - Individual samples from lactating dairy cattle in the sick or hospital pens.
  - Non-lactating animals that originate from a premise (location) that does not have any lactating dairy cows are not required to submit any milk samples.
- All samples must be submitted to the ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory by a [USDA category II accredited veterinarian](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/). Funding is available to assist with the cost of testing through USDA. Contact USDA at 515-284-4140.

**Wait, I’m only showing a heifer. What do I need to do?**
Heifers must have a CVI and the premise must produce negative bulk tank and sick pen individual results.

**What about bucket/bottle calves or dairy beef?**
If your bucket/bottle calf or dairy beef project doesn’t originate from a premise with lactating cows, AND you are exhibiting at your county fair for 4-H or FFA ONLY, you are not required to have a CVI or submit milk samples. If your bucket/bottle calf or dairy beef project originates from a premise with lactating dairy cows, you must have a CVI (Unless you are exhibiting at your county fair for 4-H or FFA ONLY) and a negative bulk tank sample and sick pen individual results.

**I received a positive result for one or more of my submitted samples. What now?**
If any of the milk samples test positive, all dairy cattle at that premise are prohibited from exhibiting and the herd is categorized as an affected herd. A herd will be considered affected until all cattle on the premises are free of clinical symptoms and two consecutive weekly bulk milk tank samples are found to be negative when collected in compliance with the testing protocols.

**When will the additional requirements take effect?**
This order is in effect starting on July 1, 2024, and will remain in effect for a minimum of 60 days. It may extend if additional cases of HPAI in dairy or poultry are detected within the state.

**I’ve been cleared for exhibition; how can I keep my project and herd safe?**
Make sure you are practicing biosecurity measures at your fair. Check out this resource to review best practices.

**I have a few more questions. Who should I contact?**
Please contact your local Extension Office, Dairy Extension Specialist, or IDALS at 515-281-5321.