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**Do you own or
work with poultry?**
Let's keep our poultry
healthy together.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Use these basic tips to keep your birds healthy and prevent the spread of serious diseases like avian influenza and virulent Newcastle disease.

1. Always practice good biosecurity.

Review the 14 National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) Biosecurity Principles (www.poultryimprovement.org/documents/StandardE-BiosecurityPrinciples.pdf) and create a biosecurity plan for your premises.

2. Remember to wash your hands before and after coming into contact with poultry.

If you don't have soap and water, use hand sanitizer.

3. Protect yourself.

Don't kiss or snuggle with your birds.

4. Protect your poultry.

Put control programs in place for wild birds (including their feces and their feathers), rodents, and insects. Clean and disinfect any poultry equipment before and after use.

5. Monitor your flock's health.

Know the signs of disease and check your flock daily for any signs of illness. Quarantine sick birds right away.

6. Report sick birds!

Call USDA toll-free at **1.866.536.7593** to reach our veterinarians. USDA can test your birds free of charge to make sure they don't have a serious poultry disease.



For free resources and to learn more about good biosecurity, visit: www.aphis.usda.gov/animalhealth/defendtheflock

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