



# Visiting Poultry Facilities Biosecurity Precautions to Consider

Increased biosecurity should be considered when visiting poultry farms. The following suggested protocols should be considered to help boost protection from disease transmission.

*Your Goal: Do not become a physical vector for poultry diseases*

## **Planning**

- Consider a virtual or phone call over personal visit if possible.
- Optimize trip's focus (do as much as you can each visit)
- Minimize contact time with birds & people at farm
- Call Ahead to farm and Contact Company representatives (servicemen)
- Adequate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), disinfection materials and tools for task.
- Visit youngest to oldest birds (complex/trip) – Sick Birds Last
- Allow enough time for suiting up, undressing, & Decontamination.
- Be sure to bring enough equipment of the right size for all
- May need fit testing or other specific testing for some PPE devices (date your consumables)
- Carry disposal needs for trash.

## **On-Farm Procedures**

- Wash vehicle in and out prior to driving onto ranch. Use rubber floor mats.
- Park away from housing & high traffic areas on farm
- Spray Disinfect wheels & Floor Mats as you come onto the ranch (while in lane)
- Suit up in disposable coveralls, head & foot covers. Allow adequate size of garments for cooler weather.
- Log in on farm visitors log sheet & Your Travel Log that you keep with you
- Try to contact farm personnel to alert them of your presence.
- Contact areas (feet and hands) are very important. Wash hands, equipment, and boots as you move from house to house. Hands should be rubbed for 20 sec. with soap to ensure good kill of germs. Disinfect only clean surfaces with quaternary ammonia or phenol sanitizers (One-Stroke, Virkon, Lysol, Virocid are examples).
- Leave disposable outer wear with the farm.
- Shower and wash hair before returning to any other poultry facility.
- In case of high-risk area, take vehicles and equipment to car wash and thoroughly wash and sanitize before visiting next farm.
- Allow as much down time as possible between visits.

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