



AnimalHealthCanada

# Keeping Your Birds Healthy



## PEOPLE AND VISITORS

**Some avian disease agents can survive for multiple days on clothing, boots, and even in or on humans. It is advisable to restrict visitors' access to your flock if they have been in contact with wild birds, pet birds, or infected poultry.**

### 1. Establish and Maintain Consistent Routines

- **Standard Procedures**

- Ensure everyone who comes into contact with your flock follows the same set of biosecurity protocols.
- Minimize access to the flock to those people needed for their care and well-being.
- Regularly check and improve these procedures to make sure they work well and are easy to follow.

- **Visitor Awareness**

- Explain biosecurity procedures to all visitors to ensure they understand and follow necessary precautions.

- **Continuous Improvement**

- Adapt routines when issues arise or when new, more effective practices become available.

### 2. Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- **Protective Clothing**

- Wear washable boots while handling poultry.
- Clean boots between bird enclosures to prevent cross-contamination.

- **Visitor PPE**

- Advise visitors not to interact with your birds.
- If visitors and family members are likely to interact, ensure they have the necessary PPE before doing so.

**REMEMBER:** Maintaining effective and consistent biosecurity routines for everyone who interacts with your flock is essential for minimizing the spread of disease and ensuring the health and wellness of your birds.