



Guidance for Poultry Events During HPAI Updated 5/16/2022

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) understands that the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) situation is making it difficult to plan for upcoming poultry shows and events. NDA encourages event organizers to make the best decision for their event.

In the event of changes to the controlled movement order or a change in the number of cases of HPAI, this document will be updated as needed.

PRIOR TO THE EVENT:

- Speak with the venue manager. Discuss the venues expectations, including any new procedures for the facility and sanitization practices they may require.
- Determine what you will do if you must postpone or cancel the event. Make clear to participants how they will be notified if last-minute changes occur.
- **Communicate and enforce any new policies with exhibitors and the public.** Make expectations clear to participants before the event and consider using signs and staff to provide reminders and guidance during the event.
- **Encourage participants to review the [NDA Biosecurity for Poultry Events document](#) prior to the event.**

AT THE EVENT:

- Event managers will be responsible for ensuring the guidelines they set forth are being followed by participants.
- NDA encourages a “show and go” type of show or event to limit the amount of time the birds come into contact with each other.
- Sale organizers are required to keep records, including contact information for all buyers and sellers.
- Exhibition organizers should keep records, including contact information, for all participants.
- Post the [NDA Biosecurity for Poultry Events document](#) at your event.

IN THE SHOW / SALE RING:

- Consider allowing additional spacing between exhibits and sale cages.
- Some EXAMPLES to consider:
 - Break classes into smaller groups and add more tables (only allow at the table what can be spaced out). Another option is to judge the species from holding cages.
- Hand sanitizer is recommended to be used by judges and ring personnel on a regular basis.
- Tables should be regularly sanitized and free of bird droppings.

These guidelines are intended as a supplement to assist event organizers and are subject to change. Additional biosecurity guidance for poultry owners is available on the NDA website. Please continue to check the Nebraska Department of Agriculture website (<https://nda.nebraska.gov/animal/avian/index.html>) as your event approaches.