

**NOTIFICATION OF CONTIGUOUS FLOCKS
IN THE ABSENCE OF A GENERAL QUARANTINE
WHEN AN AI POSITIVE FLOCK IS FOUND
(For All Subtypes of AI)**

If AI is detected on a premises, that premises will be quarantined pending further testing and investigation. Properties with susceptible species that are bordering the premises with a positive flock may need increased biosecurity, and flock managers on these properties will be notified as soon as possible after a premises is quarantined.

Notification will occur under the following guidelines:

- WHO will be notified: Managers of flocks on properties bordering the property on which the AI positive was discovered will be notified as soon as possible after quarantine is posted on a property in response to a positive test result for Avian Influenza (AGID and/or virus detection). Properties will be identified using available resources, including GPS, when possible. Additionally, key industry representatives will be notified as soon as possible, and may make the notifications of the flock managers as designees of the RI DEM Division of Agriculture (DAG). All contacts will be notified again when the quarantine has been revoked.
- WHO will make the notifications: Representatives of the DAG or their designees will make the notifications.
- HOW will notification occur: Notification will occur in person or by phone, fax, or email.
- WHEN will the notification occur: As soon as possible after a quarantine has been placed and again when it has been revoked.
- WHAT will the notification contain:
 - The flock managers and industry representatives will be given the name and location of the property on which the positive flock is located. A posted quarantine is public information.
 - Recommendations will be made to managers to review biosecurity practices and heighten biosecurity if necessary.
 - Flock managers will be encouraged to conduct voluntary surveillance testing at DAG's expense.

Although efforts will be made to identify and contact all bordering properties, it is possible that some properties will remain unidentified and/or that flock managers will be unavailable for notification.

The Rhode Island Department of Agriculture reserves the right to amend the above mentioned requirements for Avian Influenza with the goal of any changes still being to prevent, contain and eliminate the disease. Changes to the general guidelines of the protocol may result from information including, but not limited to, virus strain, pathogenicity, morbidity and mortality, movement of birds and products, and additional epidemiological information obtained as a result of avian influenza investigations.