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To: Poultry Exhibitors and Show Organizers

From: Steve Strubberg, DVM State Veterinarian

As fair and show season approaches, there are a few items that need to be addressed regarding poultry. We thank you in advance for your cooperation which helps ensure the health and safety of our animals.

Remember to call or email the poultry program at the Missouri Department of Agriculture at least 30 days prior to the event. We need to know pertinent information about the fair or show so we can schedule an authorized tester.

Secondly, due to concerns about Avian Influenza transmission in our state, we request that there be separation of waterfowl (ducks and geese) from other fowl being exhibited at the fair or show. We recommend having a separate area with a minimum of two feet of separation for cages/coops. Waterfowl should be cooped during the show, away from other fowl being shown.

Lastly, we ask that you submit records of exhibitors at poultry shows/events at fairs. Provide a list of each exhibitors' name, address, breed and number of birds being shown to an authorized tester before blood testing begins at the show. If an authorized tester is not available to attend your poultry show, please mail the information to the Missouri Department of Agriculture, Poultry Health Program, P.O. Box 630, Jefferson City, MO 65102 or email the information to one of the addresses below.

If you have any questions or to receive poultry outreach materials please contact the following people either by phone or email:

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Thank you for partnering with us in these efforts.

Sincerely,