

## The public plays a crucial role in preventing disease spread.

### Here's what you need to know:

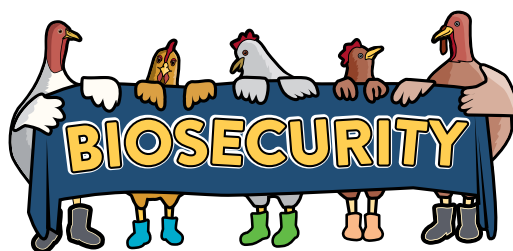
- Poultry owners use a practice called biosecurity to protect their birds from diseases.
- Biosecurity is a set of practices and measures designed to prevent the introduction and spread of diseases at places like farms or backyards, to keep animals healthy and safe.
- Biosecurity isn't just for poultry owners; it's a shared responsibility. The public plays a crucial role in preventing disease spread.
- Certain diseases in poultry can affect human health. Biosecurity practices benefit both poultry and public health.
- Supporting poultry owners in their biosecurity efforts helps maintain a safe and healthy environment for all.

### How can the public help?

- Understand and respect biosecurity protocols when visiting farms or backyards with poultry. Follow the guidelines set by the owner.
- Avoid unnecessary contact with poultry and always wash your hands before and after handling poultry or eggs.
- Learn more about biosecurity practices and their importance in maintaining healthy poultry. Spread awareness among friends and family.
- Protecting poultry health benefits everyone. By respecting biosecurity measures and being vigilant, you contribute to disease prevention in poultry.

### Further Resources:

Center for Disease Control's "Healthy Pets, Healthy People" web page: <https://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/>



**Biosecurity is everyone's responsibility.**