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## **MDARD Requirements and Recommendations for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) A(H5N1) for Michigan Fairs, Exhibitions, and Expositions**

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### **Current Status of HPAI A(H5N1) in Michigan:**

#### HPAI A(H5N1) Risk Reduction and Response Order (HRRRO)

In response to the detections of HPAI A(H5N1) in poultry and cattle this spring, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Department (MDARD) Director, Tim Boring, issued a Determination of Extraordinary Emergency [HPAI-Risk-Reduction-Response-Order.pdf \(HRRRO\) \(michigan.gov\)](#) on May 1, 2024, which took effect on May 8, 2024. The Order requires licensed dairy and commercial poultry facilities to follow essential, enhanced biosecurity measures while stipulating:

- All lactating dairy cattle, and those in the last two months of pregnancy, are prohibited from being exhibited until there are no new cases of HPAI A(H5N1) in dairy cattle in Michigan for at least 60 consecutive days. No dairy cattle of any age from an infected premises may be exhibited until further notice.
- All exhibitions or expositions of poultry are prohibited until such time that there are no new cases of HPAI A(H5N1) in domestic poultry in the state of Michigan for at least 30 consecutive days. As defined in the Animal Industry Act, "poultry" means, but is not limited to, chickens, guinea fowl, turkeys, waterfowl, pigeons, doves, peafowl, and game birds that are propagated and maintained under the husbandry of humans (MCL 287.703 (iii)).

As of June 26th, 2024, after enacting the Determination of Extraordinary Emergency, the state of Michigan has experienced a slowing of the spread of HPAI A(H5N1) in dairy cattle and domestic poultry operations.

On June 8th, 2024, the state reached 30 consecutive days without a new detection of HPAI A(H5N1) in domestic poultry, resulting in the lifting of restrictions on poultry exhibitions outlined in the HRRRO.

For dairy cattle, Michigan's most recent detection of HPAI A(H5N1) in this species was reported on June 7th, 2024. Since MDARD reported this case, the department continues to investigate sick herd calls and facilitates testing.

On June 26th, MDARD issued an amendment to the HRRRO, found, here: [HPAI-RRO-Determination-of-Extraordinary-Emergency-June-25-Amendment.pdf \(michigan.gov\)](#)

### **Michigan Animal Industry Act (Public Act 466 of 1988) Requirements for Fairs, Exhibitions, and Expositions:**

- An accredited veterinarian must be on-call to address any animal-health-related issue.
- Facilities and equipment must be cleaned and disinfected before animals arrive onsite.
- Species must be separated however possible, either in separate barns, separate spaces within the same barn with barriers between species, or at different times during the fair, exhibition, or exposition.
- Access to hand-cleansing facilities or hand-sanitizing methods must be available near each building that houses animals.
- Exhibitors must meet the animal health requirements for their species, including official identification, documentation of required testing, and compliance with other importation requirements.

### **Additional Recommendations to Prevent the Spread of HPAI A(H5N1) and Other Diseases at Fair, Exhibitions, and Expositions:**

- For fair, exhibition, and exposition organizers: consider holding a terminal show and/or reducing the time all/any species of animals are at the fair, exhibition, and/or exposition to 72 hours or less.
- Animal health checks should be performed as animals arrive at the fairgrounds, or exhibition grounds, or exposition grounds. For cattle, in particular, it is recommended to have a veterinarian examine these animals when they arrive. If animals show any signs of illness upon arrival, they should not be permitted to unload from trailers nor enter fairground, or exhibition, or exposition barns. If animals show any signs of illness throughout the exhibition period, they should be isolated from other animals and examined by a veterinarian, who will determine next, appropriate steps to take.
- Any person who suspects or confirms an animal is either affected by a lawfully reportable disease (such as HPAI A(H5N1)) or contaminated with a toxic substance shall immediately report the case to MDARD by calling 800-292-3939 (daytime) or 517-373-0440 (after-hours).
- Hand-cleansing facilities or hand-sanitizing methods should be operational and adequately stocked.
- Fairs, exhibitions, and expositions should strongly consider limiting the amount of time livestock barns are open for the general public or visitors to access and encourage the public to keep a 6' (six feet) distance from animals being shown.
- All species of animals should be isolated for 30 days following the fair, exhibition, or exposition.
- All species of animals should not be exhibited at successive shows less than 30 days apart.