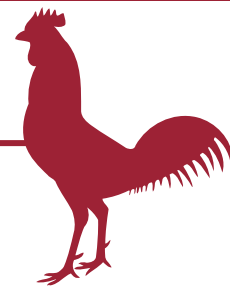


SICK BIRD REPORTING FOR BACKYARD FLOCKS

Procedure for Requesting Samples



1 Monitor your flocks for any signs of increased mortality.

2 Pay particular attention if any birds are showing signs of respiratory illness or distress.

3 If concerned, send an email to md.birdflu@maryland.gov with contact information, size of flock, location, and concerns.

4 You will be contacted **if a sample needs to be taken.**

5 **DO NOT** take dead or sick birds to a lab to be tested or move them off-site!

6 If necessary, personnel will notify you and then arrange to visit the site to take a sample.



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