



Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Biosecurity Plans

Tier 1, effective immediately March 2022

1. DISCONTINUE acceptance of all dead birds on the property or at any staff member's property. If an animal is already deceased prior to arrival, please inform the public to either leave the animal where it is, or contact their local animal control or animal shelter to see if they can dispose of the carcass.
2. DISCONTINUE acceptance of any seabird or waterfowl. All seabirds and waterfowl should be referred to Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network California Wildlife Center, or International Bird Rescue.
3. New admissions **without any history of trauma or obvious apparent trauma** should first be observed outside of the building (i.e. parking lot or breezeway away from animals) to detect neurological signs (tremors, abnormal mentation, seizures, inability to stand).
4. Birds with neurological signs and no signs or history of trauma should NOT enter the building and should be euthanized. Their carcasses should NOT enter the building. Any materials used with that animal should be discarded or thoroughly disinfected with Rescue. Any staff that worked with that animal should go home and change and shower prior to working with any other animal. Notify DVM.
5. All staff and volunteers should not wear the same clothes or shoes to ORC that they use with their backyard poultry or to hike or bird near where many waterfowl are present.
6. All staff and volunteers working with the education birds should do so PRIOR to working with any rehab patient.
7. All equipment used with education animals should be dedicated for use with education animals and should not have been used with any rehab patient.
8. Footbaths containing 1:16 dilution of Rescue will be used prior to entry into any education bird mew and the training aviary. Footbaths must be changed out daily.
9. Wash hands and change gloves frequently, and disinfect items between birds.

10. No non-commercial poultry products (eggs from backyard birds) allowed on-site.
11. Tour guests will be asked to wear disposable booties upon arrival before entering the property.

Tier 2, if additional cases detected in Pacific Flyway

All items from Tier 1, plus:

1. Cover roof of education bird mews with tarps to prevent wild bird feces from falling into enclosures. (Consider starting with easier mews to cover for Tier 2, more difficult, i.e. Rosie and Handsome for Tier 3).

Tier 3, if cases detected in California

All items from Tier 1 and 2, plus:

1. All staff keep dedicated work clothes and shoes on-site, and clothes laundered on-site.
2. Consider discontinuing public visitation.
3. Tell falconers to discontinue flying birds.