Backyard Biosecurity Self Evaluation
(You should answer “Yes” to every question!)

1. **Keep Your Distance.**
   - Do you restrict visitor access to your property and your birds?
   - Is your bird area fenced in or is there some sort of barrier to keep visitors out?
   - Do you prevent visitors with their own birds from coming into contact with your birds?
   - Are your birds protected from contact with wild game birds and migratory waterfowl?

2. **Keep it Clean.**
   - Do you properly clean and disinfect equipment that contacts your birds?
   - Do you change into clean clothes and shoes and wash your hands before entering your bird area?
   - Do you clean cages and change food and water daily?

3. **Don’t Haul Disease Home.**
   - Do you disinfect your vehicle tires, poultry cages, and equipment before returning home after contact with other birds or bird owners?
   - Do you keep birds that have been to a fair or exhibition separated from the rest of your flock for at least two weeks after the event?
   - Do you isolate new birds from your flock for at least 30 days?

4. **Don’t Borrow Disease From Your Neighbor.**
   - Do you avoid sharing lawn and garden equipment, tools, or poultry supplies with your neighbors or other bird owners?
   - If you bring these items home do you clean and disinfect them before they reach your property?

5. **Know the Warning signs of Infectious Bird Diseases.**
   - Do you know the warning signs of infectious bird diseases such as Avian Influenza (AI) and Exotic Newcastle Disease (END)?
     - Sudden increase in bird deaths in your flock
     - Sneezing, gasping for air, coughing, and nasal discharge
     - Watery and green diarrhea
     - Lack of energy and poor appetite
     - Drop in egg production or soft- or thin-shelled misshapen eggs
     - Swelling around the eyes, neck, and head
     - Purple discoloration of the wattles, combs, and legs (AI)
     - Tremors, drooping wings, circling, twisting of the head and neck, or lack of movement (END)

6. **Report Sick Birds**
   - Do you know who to contact if your birds are sick or dying?
     - Your local cooperative extension office, local veterinarian, the State Veterinarian, your State animal-health diagnostic laboratory, or U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Veterinary Services office (Toll-free hotline: 1-866-536-7593)

This Backyard Poultry Biosecurity Self Evaluation is based off of the USDA APHIS Biosecurity for the Birds Guide. If you have any questions please contact the Indiana State Poultry Association at 765-494-8517 or ispa@purdue.edu.