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Avian Influenza Update

The Centers for Disease Control has released an update (as of May 14, 2024) pertaining to the Avian Influenza situation in the United States. Recent updates may be found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/avianflu/avian-flu-summary.htm>

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/avianflu/data-map-commercial.html>

For Members in Michigan

The AU has been in communication with the Michigan State Veterinarian regarding the situation in Michigan. Members with lofts, which are registered through the AU Loft Certification program and have a premises identification number (PIN), will be allowed to fly their birds. To determine if you have a PIN in Michigan, you are asked to contact the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (989-785-5616).

For more information pertaining to the AU Loft Certification program:

<http://www.pigeon.org/loftcertificationpolicy.htm>

AU Bio-Security Recommendations

Basic bio-security measures should always be used. It is more important than ever to make sure you are cleaning your loft regularly, washing hands going in and out of the loft, monitoring or perhaps restricting others from going in and out of your loft and placing new birds in a quarantine section before integrating them with your other birds.

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<https://pigeon.org/pages/biosecurity.html>