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Re: Pullorum-Typhoid Testing for 2019 Indiana County Fair Exhibitions and Poultry Shows

To: Indiana NPIP Exhibition Poultry Participants, Indiana County Poultry Superintendents, Indiana NPIP Blood Testers, poultry exhibitors, and interested parties.

Elanco Animal Health ended sales of the Pullorum-Typhoid (P-T) antigen in December of 2018 and sold that business to Charles River. At the time, Elanco was the only firm licensed to manufacture and sell the P-T antigen. Unfortunately, the USDA approval process that Charles River must undergo to manufacture the P-T antigen is taking much longer than expected. This unique situation is effecting the entire nation.

To adapt to this situation we have agreed to accept the use of P-T antigen beyond the expiration date printed on the bottle. The science behind this works, because if the antigen is handled properly the antigen will still differentiate between positive and negative flocks. If the antigen is *not* handled properly the antigen will show everything as being positive, and each of these positive tests would have to be reported immediately to our office.

Unfortunately, even extending the life of existing P-T antigen has not been sufficient to get us through this period without antigen production. So **effective immediately, Indiana will waive the Salmonella pullorum and Salmonella typhoid (P-T) testing requirement during 2019 fair season, through August 31, 2019.**

The exception to this waiver is that out-of-state poultry that are **NOT** from an NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid clean flock must be P-T tested. **All poultry coming into Indiana must either be from an NPIP certified Pullorum-Typhoid clean flock utilizing a completed VS, 9-3 form *or* are required to prove that they have been P-T tested prior to arrival in Indiana and within 90 days of exhibition.**

Should P-T antigen become widely available through various poultry supply retailers before August 31, we will reexamine this waiver.

At this moment, there is no definitive timeframe for when the antigen may become available. For up-to-date information on this waiver and P-T antigen availability, visit the Indiana State Poultry Association's website at www.INpoultry.com.

In 1981 Indiana became an official U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean state. Your continued adherence to proper biosecurity practices will help keep Indiana Pullorum-Typhoid free during this summer season. For a review of common biosecurity practices visit the [USDA APHIS Defend the Flock Program](http://www.usda.gov/aphis/defend-the-flock) website.

Sincerely,

Indiana National Poultry Improvement Plan

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Wm. Brennan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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