

2020 OHIO PULLORUM TESTING SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 Columbus Expo Center 5:30-7:30 pm 717 E. 17th Ave. Columbus, OH 43211

Pullorum School Requirements:

The Ohio Poultry Association (official state agency, NPIP) and the Ohio Department of Agriculture are combining efforts to organize Pullorum-Fowl Typhoid plate agglutination tester training classes. Whether your certification is due to expire or you have expressed interest in becoming a newly certified Pullorum tester, we are inviting you to participate in the training program. **You must be 18 years of age.**

There is a charge of \$50 per student to offset program costs. There is an additional \$5 fee for first time participants. As a special promotion for 2020, your certification will be valid for 6 years. This is different from past years as usually your certification is only valid for 5 years. If your certification is due to expire in 2020, you will need to attend this training to maintain certification. If this is your first time being certified, you will physically test a bird. A BIRD WILL BE PROVIDED FOR YOU. DO NOT BRING ANY POULTRY TO THE CLASS. Each person needs to please *bring a lawn chair* to class as chairs may not be provided.

Pullorum Testing Equipment:

At this time, the only manufacturer capable of producing the Pullorum testing Antigen has it on backorder. The antigen has been on backorder since May 2018. Due to this, we will not have Pullorum antigen available for purchase. We will keep you informed if this changes. Information on where to purchase all other supplies (bleeders, needles, test boxes, testing plates, etc.) will be in the packets that will be provided at the tester training class.

Special Note:

In conjunction with Dr. Tony Forshey, the state veterinarian of Ohio, the Ohio Poultry Association would like to formally announce that due to the lack of available Antigen, Pullorum testing will be suspended for exhibition poultry for fairs in the 2020 year. This also includes turkeys.

Please complete the registration and mail to:

Ohio Poultry Association 707 S. Front Street Columbus, OH 43206

*** All payments are due prior to the day of training***

If you have any questions or concerns, please email <u>acoyle@ohiopoultry.org</u> or call 614-882-6111.