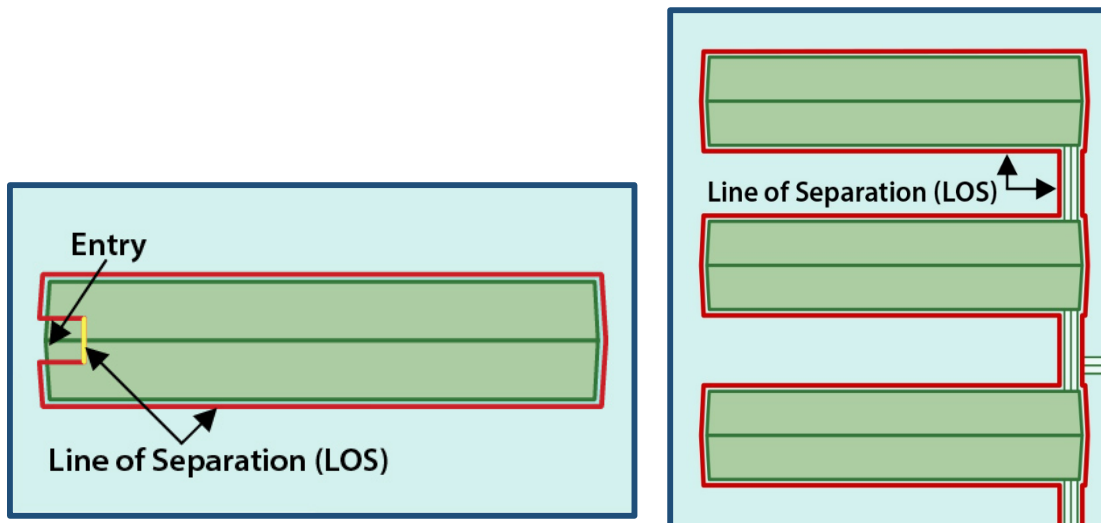


Line of Separation (LOS)

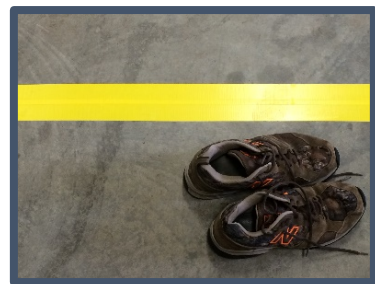
Information for Poultry and Egg Producers

The Line of Separation or LOS is established to isolate poultry from potential sources of avian influenza infection. The LOS consists of the building walls separating the birds from the outside plus a marked line in the entry room to the poultry house/barn. A group of buildings connected by enclosed walkways may all be within the same LOS. To cross the LOS, biosecurity protocols should be followed.



Source: CFSPH, ISU

- ❖ Establish a single, clearly marked entry for crossing to the bird side of the LOS, allowing for better control of personnel and equipment (see the Biosecure Entry Procedure Handout for more details)
 - ❖ At the Biosecure Entry, provide site-specific coveralls or clothing and footwear, hand washing or hand sanitizing facilities, and methods to clean and disinfect equipment prior to crossing the LOS
- ❖ Ensure the LOS excludes wildlife and other animals from entering the barn and contacting poultry. Barriers must be intact and maintained to keep wild birds, their feces, and feathers out of the facility



Source: Pam Zaabel, CFSPH, ISU