



**Pennsylvania**  
**Department of Agriculture**  
Bureau of Plant Industry

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This letter is regarding the Phorid Fly Order of Quarantine published in the February 15, 2025; *Pennsylvania Bulletin* by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (Department) titled “Order of Quarantine Phorid Fly” (Order of Quarantine). The Order of Quarantine is attached as a reference.

In accordance with Article II (relating to requirements for treatment) of the Order of Quarantine, all mushroom operations located within Kennett Township and New Garden Township are required to treat mushroom houses and any building in which mushrooms are grown or cultivated by using Best Management Practices, which are set forth in Attachment A of that Order of Quarantine, or an alternative treatment method approved by the Department in writing. Currently, there is one additional method available, and research is being conducted on other alternative treatments.

In addition to the duty to treat, Article IV section (4) of the Order of Quarantine established the duty of the owner or person in charge of a premises subject to the Order of Quarantine to provide the Department with notice of the existence of phorid fly on the premises and also the filing of a “Notice of Intent” to treat mushroom houses and buildings on the premises.

The Order of Quarantine also establishes, at Article V, Recordkeeping requirements. Please review the attached Order of Quarantine for specific standards. However, in general, you are required to document each treatment of every mushroom house and building in which mushrooms are grown or cultivated. The records must document the following:

- (1) The date and time of each treatment.
- (2) The house or building and all materials treated and the type of treatment.
- (3) For mushroom houses subject to Article II. (1) of this Order of Quarantine, the exact house or building treated, length of treatment, temperature of house or building during treatment and the treatment undertaken during each phase of the Best Management Requirements set forth in Attachment A.
- (4) For treatments undertaken pursuant to Article II. (2) of this Order of Quarantine, the type of treatment undertaken as required by the treatment order or addendum to this Order of Quarantine issued by the Department.
- (5) The name of the person(s) that treated the regulated article.

Please note that the owner or person in charge shall allow the Department access to the property and to all records during normal business hours, to inspect records required to be kept under this Order of Quarantine or any Treatment Order issued by the Department. Records are required to be maintained for a minimum of two (2) years with copies provided to the Department upon request.

Reporting is made easy by submitting required notices and information to the Department's Phorid Fly resource account at [RA-AGPhorid@pa.gov](mailto:RA-AGPhorid@pa.gov). The account should be used by growers to report their upcoming Steam-off schedules, to indicate Phorid Fly levels on mushroom farms, and for any grower questions or comments concerning compliance with the Phorid Fly Order of Quarantine.

With cooling weather, Phorid fly populations may continue to increase. It is imperative that every opportunity is taken to keep populations as low as possible to protect the growing community and reduce fly pressure on nearby residential communities.

**Reporting Steam-off schedules should be submitted on a monthly, weekly, or daily schedule via email to the resource account. Population levels should be reported as "low, medium or high" at the same time the Steam-off schedules are reported.**

Department inspectors will continue to conduct inspections to assist growers with quarantine compliance throughout the year.

Sincerely,



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