

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in the City of Markham

April 8, 2022

This is an important communication regarding biosecurity and quarantine provisions on your poultry farm.

On Tuesday, April 5, the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) was made aware of a high mortality incident in a larger-scale poultry flock in your area.

FBCC has been working with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and we can now confirm that highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been identified on a farm within an approximate 10km radius from your farm. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the 10km buffered biosecurity advisory map. CFIA may be contacting you if they haven't already done so and will provide more details about what is expected.

CFIA has also posted the [movement control permissions](#). Please access this information to determine which type of permit you may require. Questions can be directed to the Movement Control Line – 519-953-6658; 8am-6pm; 7 days/week. **We recommend you phone ASAP to arrange for upcoming movement on and off the farm.**

Examples of Basic Biosecurity that should always be followed include:

- Keep poultry away from areas frequented by wild birds and wild bird droppings.
- Maintain strict control over access to poultry houses and your premises.
- Make sure equipment is cleaned and disinfected before taking it into poultry houses.
- Do not keep bird feeders or create duck ponds close to poultry houses.
- Maintain the highest sanitation standards.
- Change footwear and prevent wearing contaminated clothing when entering the poultry house.

In addition to regular biosecurity measures, the following heightened biosecurity standards should now be applied:

- Control access to your farm site by communicating the situation to all essential visitors, including service providers, input suppliers and feed providers.
- Keep mortalities in secure, covered containers until they are moved to the disposal area or transported off-farm.

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- Place waste entering the public collection system in a sealed, waterproof bag with the exterior disinfected.
- If possible, keep all waste on-farm until the situation is resolved.

FBCC invites you to participate in the **Daily HPAI Update Series**, designed for farmers who are in the zone(s) and industry personnel that conduct business within/through the zone(s) to receive the latest information from Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC). The Daily HPAI Update Series will be held via Zoom, using the login coordinates below. While anyone is welcome to attend, FBCC is requesting that participants give priority to farmers and industry personnel who are within the zone(s) during the question-and-answer period.

Daily HPAI Update Series Zoom Login Details*:

W: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2665883981>

P: 1-855-703-8985

Meeting ID: 266 588 3981

**The Zoom login details will not change day by day. These login details will get you onto the meetings Monday – Friday, starting at 12:00 noon, and until further notice.*

We will continue to keep you updated as the situation evolves.

If your birds show any signs of illness, call your veterinarian immediately. It is also recommended that you contact the 24-hour Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) support line, 1-877-SOS-BYRD.

Visit the Feather Board Command Centre's website at www.fbcc.ca for more information.

