

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Waterloo Region

May 2, 2022

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

On May 2, the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) was made aware of symptoms consistent with highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a poultry flock in your area.

FBCC has been working with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and we can now confirm that 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 Primary Control Zones

CFIA has established Primary Control Zones (PCZ), in the areas where the disease has been identified. The PCZ have been established to prevent the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza. Use the following links to access CFIA's maps:

- Map: Avian Influenza Control Zones Ontario
- Physical road boundary descriptions of Primary Control Zones

CFIA has also posted the <u>permits and movement permissions</u>. 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.**

ACCESS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

We know that this is a stressful situation for all involved in Ontario's poultry industry. The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs has resources available to help people navigate these difficult times. Visit their Mental Health for Farmers – First Aid Kit or call 1-866-267-6255 for the Farmer Wellness Initiative, which provides farmers and members of their household access to free counselling sessions with a mental health professional.















Daily HPAI Update Series

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.











