

April 2, 2022

RE: Suspect Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) identified in poultry flock near your farm in the Arthur/Fergus area.

Dear Poultry Farmer,

On Saturday, April 2, the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) was made aware of a suspect Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) incident in a poultry flock in your area.

FBCC has been working with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). The suspect incident has been identified to be within an approximate 10km radius from your farm. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the FBCC 10km buffered biosecurity area.

CFIA may be contacting you if they haven't already done so. CFIA will provide more details about what is expected.

The following outlines biosecurity protocols that MUST be implemented (basic and heightened measures) on-farm:

- Keep poultry away from areas frequented by wild birds.
- 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 barns.
- Maintain the highest sanitation standards.
- Change footwear when entering the Restricted Area and prevent wearing contaminated clothing and equipment in production areas.
- 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.
- Place waste entering the public collection system in a sealed, waterproof bag with the exterior disinfected.



- Place a hose and spray nozzle at entry point to Controlled Access Zone (CAZ); wash and disinfect vehicles at entry and at exit, paying special attention to wheels and wheel wells.
- If possible, keep all waste on-farm until the situation is resolved.
- **IMPORTANT:** Limit access to your farm to ESSENTIAL visitors only. Please note that each individual Feather Board (CFO, EFO, OBHECC, TFO) will be reaching out to their members regarding on-farm audits and inspections. Wherever possible, on-farm audits and inspections will be limited to essential visits only.

We will continue to keep you updated as the situation evolves. You will also be contacted by a member of your respective poultry Board.

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.

