

High Mortality Incident in the Markham Area

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

The Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) was made aware of a high mortality incident in a poultry flock in the Markham area. The 10km FBCC buffered biosecurity advisory area can be found [HERE](#). FBCC is strongly suggesting that you exercise extreme caution and invoke heightened biosecurity measures on your 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.
- 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.

All service providers are asked to minimize and sequence all travel in the area. For essential visits to premises where poultry is grown, please ensure you are following heightened biosecurity measures.

While there are no other specific details that can be shared at this time, FBCC will contact you via e-mail and as soon as possible.

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.

