

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Ontario

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This is an important message from the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC).

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been detected on two poultry premises in Ontario within the last week:

March 10, 2023: Municipality of Chatham-Kent – access the [FBCC 10km buffered map](#).

March 14, 2023: Township of West Lincoln – access the [FBCC 10km buffered map](#).

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has established Primary Control Zones in the area where the disease has been identified. [Map: Avian Influenza Control Zones –Ontario](#).

HPAI is prevalent in the environment - the Ontario poultry industry value chain needs to exercise extreme caution by implementing strict and heightened biosecurity measures, on and off farms.

Please implement heightened biosecurity immediately & stay informed!

FBCC & CFIA will be hosting a weekly Information Meeting:

HPAI ZOOM Update Series – Wednesdays at 12:00PM (starting Wednesday, March 22nd, and until further notice).

FBCC invites you to participate in the HPAI Update Series taking place on Wednesdays at 12 noon, and 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 FBCC and CFIA.

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 week by week. These login details will get you onto the meetings being held Wednesdays, starting at 12:00 noon until further notice.

As a reminder, 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 a hose and spray nozzle at the entry point to Controlled Access Zone (CAZ); wash and disinfect vehicles at entry and at exit, paying special attention to wheels and wheel wells.
- More biosecurity protocols can be accessed on the FBCC website [HERE](#).

If birds show any signs of illness, call your veterinarian immediately.

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

