

## Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Ontario Update

October 20, 2022

On behalf of the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC), the following provides important updates regarding the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreak situation in Ontario.

### THE CURRENT SITUATION

Since September 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 HPAI cases have been confirmed in the following regions in Ontario (click on the location name to access the 10km FBCC buffered biosecurity advisory area for premises designated poultry):

- 1 premise in the [Township of Zorra](#) (commercial poultry)
- 1 premise in the City of Owen Sound (non-commercial, non-poultry)
- 1 premise in Brant County (non-commercial, non-poultry)
- 1 premise in the Township of Grimsby (non-commercial, non-poultry)
- 1 premise in the [City of Clarence-Rockland](#) (commercial poultry)
- 1 premise in the [Township of West Lincoln](#) (Formerly deemed commercial poultry. As of October 18, this Primary Control Zone (PCZ) has been revoked. Farmers and industry in this former PCZ no longer need to follow to the CFIA movement, permitting and surveillance requirements)
- 1 premise in the [Township of Alfred-Plantagenet](#) (non-commercial poultry)
- 1 premise in the [Township of East Hawkesbury](#) (non-commercial poultry)
- 1 premise in the [Township of Alfred-Plantagenet](#) (non-commercial poultry)
- 1 premise in the [Township of Wellesley](#) (commercial poultry)

Each confirmed infected poultry premise has been placed under quarantine. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has also established specific movement control measures and permitting processes (as outlined below).

### FOR FARMERS AND INDUSTRY IN BIOSECURITY ADVISORY AREAS

CFIA will establish a Primary Control Zone (PCZ), in the areas where the disease has been identified in a commercial or non-commercial poultry flock. Use the following link to access CFIA's maps, which will be updated:

[Map: Avian Influenza Control Zones in Ontario](#)

### CHANGES TO CFIA MOVEMENT PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS

Effective October 11, 2022, CFIA has implemented new movement permitting requirements for poultry, poultry products and by-products moving into, originating from or transiting through Primary Control Zones established by CFIA in provinces affected by high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI). This revised movement control system for this HPAI virus strain is more risk-based and less burdensome for farmers and industry; it also provides for improved business continuity, while preventing the spread of the virus and satisfying trade requirements. Permitting requirements and conditions depend on whether you are located in



a commercial or non-commercial PCZ. An interactive tool is [available on the CFIA website](#). Detailed information on these changes can be found on [FBCC's website](#).

## **HPAI ZOOM Update Series at 12pm Noon (Monday, Wednesday, Friday):**

FBCC invites you to participate in the 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 CFIA and FBCC. Anyone is welcome to attend.

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 being held Monday, Wednesday, Friday starting at 12:00 noon until further notice.*

## **CRITICAL REMINDERS FOR ALL POULTRY FARMERS & INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS**

Farmers are reminded they should have appropriate biosecurity personal protective equipment (PPE) available for themselves, their employees and anyone entering their premise. Given what we know about the high prevalence of HPAI in our current environment and taking into consideration migratory patterns and country-wide trends, we expect there to be continued occurrences of HPAI found in wild birds, “non-poultry” operations and non-commercial flocks.

**If farmers and industry do not continue to adhere to strict biosecurity measures, there is also high risk that your farm / operation may become infected. Please remain vigilant!**

Please be reminded of the Ontario Government’s Order that limits the commingling of birds from different locations in order to reduce the risk of disease transmission. The full order can be found [here](#).

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs has released an information sheet on preventing transmission of HPAI. The fact sheet can be found [here](#).

Should birds show any signs of illness, farmers are to call their veterinarian, immediately. It is also recommended they contact the 24-hour FBCC support line, 1-877-SOS-BYRD and their respective Board office.

## **STAY INFORMED**

FBCC is committed to providing timely communications to Ontario’s poultry industry and will continue to keep you updated as the situation evolves. FBCC staff are collaborating with CFIA and OMAFRA in responding to the situation and working to support business continuity for the poultry industry. If you haven’t already done so, please visit the [FBCC website](#) and sign up for Disease Alerts.

