

# NOW IS THE TIME TO PROTECT YOUR FLOCK AGAINST AVIAN FLU

The highly contagious and deadly avian influenza (HPAI) has been confirmed in Lancaster and Berks Counties, Pa. Immediate actions are required by the Pa. Dept of Agriculture to stem the spread of this disease.

## HPAI Test Sample Submission Instructions

### WHO

Poultry companies operating in the control and surveillance zones should have biological samples collected by:

1. Company certified poultry technician OR
2. Personal certified poultry technician OR
3. Trained HPAI samplers OR
4. Veterinarian-acquired samples

### ACTION REQUIRED

If you are in the **Control Zone**, permits are required to travel within this zone if entering or leaving poultry premises. Farms are required to test in this zone.

If you are in the **Surveillance Zone**, farms are required to test in this zone.

### HOW OFTEN

Location	Operation Type	Submit
Control Zone (10km)	Layer operations	48 and then 24 hours in advance of an egg movement
	All other operations	48 and then 24 hours in advance of a movement OR weekly if not moving product
Surveillance Zone (20km)	All operations	Weekly through May 2, then every other week

### WHERE/WHEN

Take your samples to any one of the following sites:

Location	Address	Hours
Lancaster County	Landisville Research Farm 1446 Auction Road Manheim, PA	Monday-Friday 8 am – 10 am For same day testing
Lancaster County	Lloyd H. Fuhrman Memorial Park 110 Rock Point Road Marietta, PA	Monday-Friday 8 am – 10 am For same day testing
Lancaster County	Columbia Crossing River Trail Center 41 Walnut Street Columbia, PA	7 days a week 8 am – 10 am For same day testing
Berks County	PA State Police Barracks (Near Cabela's) 90 Industrial Drive Hamburg, PA (Exit 29 from I-78 and take 61 N)	7 days a week 8 am – 10 am For same day testing
Berks County	Sara Kerr Zook Building Parking Lot 27 Rehrersburg Road Bethel, PA	Monday-Friday 8 am - 10 am For same day testing

*In observance of Memorial Day, all sample drop-off locations are expected to be closed on Monday, May 30, 2022, and courier service for delivery of samples to the laboratory will not be offered. However, all three PADLS diagnostic laboratories will be open for any samples delivered directly to the laboratory.*

\*If you cannot make it to a site by the cutoff time, you can contact any of the 3 PADLS labs to make a bio-secure drop-off. Failing that, refrigerate your samples for the next drop-off period.

The drop-off site at the Old Messick's Store in Elizabethtown is no longer open.

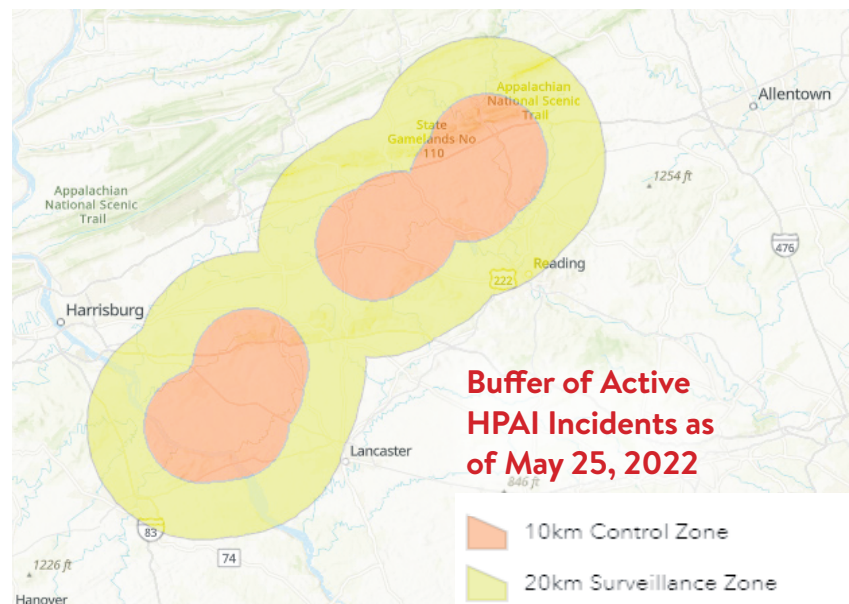
**To report sick WILD birds, call the PA Game Commission at 717-787-4250.**

## FAQS

### What does it mean when a Control Area is released?

A Control Area is established when HPAI is detected in poultry and is released when certain conditions are met.

Information on the areas that have been released and those that remain active can be found on the APHIS HPAI 2022 Confirmed Detections map. You can check the Control Zone Address Checker on the map to determine if a particular address is still subject to restrictions.



**This map is updated regularly. Scan this QR code or go to [bit.ly/HPAI-map](https://bit.ly/HPAI-map) for the most recent information.**

### What does it take to get a Control Area released?

To be released, all infected premises within the Control Zone must have completed 100% depopulation and disposal of birds, feed, litter/manure, and eggs in accordance with the flock plan. Initial virus elimination and surveillance testing must also take place. If there are no positive results on surveillance within the Control Area for 14 days after depopulation and virus elimination, the Control Area can be released.

### Can birds be restocked at infected premises that were within the released Control Zone?

Not yet. Before birds can be restocked, the infected premises must meet all requirements of the flock plan, including quarantine release and negative results on environmental testing. They must also be outside the infected zone of another flock.



For more information, resources, and the latest developments in the fight against HPAI, go to the Penn State Extension web page at [extension.psu.edu/avian-influenza](https://extension.psu.edu/avian-influenza)

### Stay informed



**If you suspect HPAI in your flock**

**Call the PDA hotline immediately. Do not move the birds. There is no penalty for calling and testing for surveillance is free. Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) emergency number 717-772-2852 (press option 1 to reach the veterinarian on call).**