

## BC Poultry Emergency Response Team Industry Update #22

Date: October 6, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm

Event: High Path AI 2022- Fall Event

All EOC Industry Updates are now posted on the EOC website. Please [click here](#) to visit the website.

### Changes to CFIA's HPAI procedures

There was a call yesterday morning with CFIA and the four western provinces to review changes to how CFIA will manage HPAI. Some of the key changes are listed below. Note that we are still working through the specific details on all the various permit and movement types. CFIA will be holding meetings with provincial movement and permit departments next week.

- The changes come into effect on **Tuesday, October 11**. All current PCZs will move to the new system on that date.
- There will be three categories of PCZ:
  1. Commercial IP - commercial PCZ
  2. Non-commercial IP - non-commercial PCZ
  3. Non-poultry – no PCZ
- A “**commercial flock**” is defined as operating under supply management or having more than 300 birds.
  - For smaller flocks, CFIA will assess the flock’s intended use, whether the farm had product sales, or whether they did any advertising.
    - If all the answers are no, then the site will be deemed “**non-poultry**” and a PCZ won’t be required.
    - If any answers are yes, then CFIA will assess if there was any evidence of “direct or indirect contact to a commercial poultry facility.” If yes, then the site becomes a “**commercial IP.**” If no, then the site is classified as a “**non-commercial – IP**” small holding with a “**non-commercial PCZ.**”
      - ***NOTE:** The definition of “direct or indirect contact” is still being reviewed.*
      - *Additionally, we are still clarifying the trade impacts of the “Non-commercial IP - non-commercial PCZ” designation.*
- There also will be a new zone within the PCZs – a “**security zone.**” The **security zone** is implemented after the piles are capped and the 14-day outbreak surveillance to release the infected zone is completed. It replaces the infected and restricted zones. It has blanket movement restrictions – general traceable permits. This is in line with the US approach where **domestic** movements are no longer restricted once the 14-day outbreak surveillance is completed. For most movements out of the **security zone**, flock health attestation, premovement testing or dead bird surveillance will not be required.

- Under the new system, chick placement will be prohibited in a zero to one km radius area from the IP, instead of in the 3 km zone. Barn placement conditions must be met for placement in the 1 to 3 km zone.

➤ For now, it is business as usual with permits. The EOC will be meeting with CFIA to gain a better understanding of what will be required of the industry moving forward. Please be patient as the changes are rolled out on Tuesday and everyone learns about the new requirements.

## UPDATE ON INFECTED PREMISES

### BC IP Summary status as of October 6, 2022

IP #	Area	IP status	PCZ #	PCZ status
19	CF-Chilliwack	The BHT has been moved out of the barn and C&D has been started	84	Infected zone release testing is expected to start this weekend and should be completed by mid-week.
20	SF-100 Mile House	C & D package provided to producer	NA	There won't be one
21	SF - Vernon	Disposal is complete	NA	There won't be one
22	SF- Duncan	Producer working on D & C SOPs	104	
<b>Backyard flocks still impacting commercial sector and exports</b>				
4	Richmond-SF	120-day fallow period scheduled to <b>end today</b>	54	PCZ revoked July 7
8	Comox Valley-SF	120-day fallow period scheduled to <b>end Oct 19</b>	60	Revoked July 5
12	Princeton-SF	<b>June 17</b> - 120-day fallow period <b>started</b>	66	PCZ revoked July 15
14	Sechelt-SF	<b>June 28</b> - 120-day fallow period <b>started</b>	68	PCZ revoked July 27
15	Summerland-SF	120-day fallow period scheduled to <b>end today</b>	69	Revoked July 6
17	Gabriola Is-SF	<b>June 28</b> - 120-day fallow period <b>started</b>	71	PCZ revoked July 27
18	Langley-SF	<b>June 19</b> - 120 day fallow period <b>started</b>	72	PCZ revoked July 17

SF-small flock; CF - commercial flock

## Updates on Permits, Dead Bird Surveillance, Flock Health Questionnaires

Expect to see many changes as of October 11.

### Farm Summary

#### BC- IP19 (PCZ 84) Fraser Valley farms (Chilliwack & Abbotsford)

1	Commercial farm deemed positive for H5 placed under quarantine
31	Commercial farms in the 0 to 3 km zone – require specific permits for <b>any</b> movement
62	Commercial farms between 3 and 10 km – requires permits for <b>any</b> movement

Primary control zone (PCZ-84 – British Columbia). Go to the CFIA website to see the map for [PCZ-84](#).

#### BC- IP22 (PCZ 104) Duncan

1	Small lot flock deemed positive for H5 placed under quarantine
0	Commercial farms in the 0 to 3 km zone
3	Commercial farms between 3 and 10 km – requires permits for <b>any</b> movement

#### North America Situation

Province	Number of IPs	Additional comments
British Columbia	22 - 5 commercial; 17 backyard	One new small lot flock since the last update
Alberta	50 – 35 commercial, 15 backyard	One new commercial and one new small lot flock since the last update
Sask	22 - 10 commercial, 8 backyard	One new commercial and three small lot flock since the last update
Manitoba	13 – 10 commercial, 3 backyard	Six new commercial, one new small flock since the last update
Ontario	31 – 22 commercial, 9 backyard	One new commercial since the last update.
Quebec	12 - 9 commercial, 3 backyard	No new since Aug 1
USA	40 states; 497 flocks (232 commercial, 265 small lot); 47.07 million birds euthanized (In 2015 55 million birds were euthanized)	19 more flocks (8 commercial; 11 backyard), 420,00 more birds euthanized

## HPAI Websites

### **BC Poultry Symposium 2022 Webinar #20 (September 21, 2022)**

Dr. Victoria Bowes from the BC Ministry of Agriculture gave a talk on avian influenza titled *The Crazy World of Avian Influenza*. You can watch the recording at the [Canadian Poultry Consultants' website](#).

### **[AgSafe's Mental Wellness Resources](#)**

This page is to help with finding and researching the available mental wellness resources in your area. If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis, please contact 911 or the Crisis Line: 1-800-SUICIDE.

#### **BC Mental Health Hotlines**

**Support (BC):** 310-6789

**Support (Interior Health):** 310-MHSU (6478)

**Crisis Line:** 1-800-SUICIDE

**BC Emergency Operations Centre Information [website](#)**

**[CFIA website](#) - Detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1) in Canada 2021-2022**

## Red Biosecurity Status – *additional biosecurity requirements*

**Controlled Access Zone (CAZ)** refers to your property immediately surrounding your barn and range but excludes your home. In your CAZ, you should:

- Inform all family, friends, staff, service personnel, and allied trades of your enhanced biosecurity measures
- Keep your CAZ barrier locked at all times
- Cancel all farm appointments and only allow essential visitors into the CAZ
- Implement your vehicle wash station at the entrance to your CAZ
  - Remove all organic debris with pressurized water
  - Disinfect tires, wheel wells, and under-carriages of vehicles
  - Disinfect the floor mats, pedals, steering wheel, and door handles of the interior of the vehicle with disinfecting wipes or a small spray bottle and paper towel
- Make sure garbage bins (dumpsters) are outside of the CAZ and reduce pick-ups as much as possible

**Restricted Access Zone (RAZ)** refers to the barn and range. In your RAZ, you should:

- Keep all exterior barn doors locked at all times when not occupied by personnel
- When entering the RAZ change into barn specific coveralls and RAZ specific boots as well as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as per WorkSafe BC requirements
- When exiting the RAZ leave all biosecurity gear on the RAZ side of the CAZ/RAZ demarcation
- Wash and or sanitize your hands before entering or exiting the RAZ
- Shower before and after completing your daily barn chores
- Restrict contact between commercial poultry and wild birds & wild bird droppings

### **Conducting Business:**

- Whenever possible conduct all activities through non-contact methods such as telephone, email, or Zoom
- Avoid common public gathering places

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