Please note: These procedures may be revised as the situation continues to change.

**IS THERE A PRESUMPTIVE CASE OF HPAI?**

☐ Reference the [H5/H7 Avian Influenza Case Definition](#) if needed.

☐ Communicate with the Assistant Director and/or District Director, or designee(s), in your VSSPR District immediately.

☐ If duplicate samples were collected, ensure you have the tracking information of the sample sent to NVSL; if a sample will be forwarded from a NAHLN laboratory, check on its status and obtain tracking information. If samples still need to be shipped, discuss speed/transport options with your District Director immediately.

- For a presumptive positive case of HPAI, APHIS and State response activities begin when the presumptive positive case definition is met; NVSL confirmation is needed for OIE and trade notifications.

☐ Immediately confer about depopulation with the company/producer involved and appropriate State and APHIS officials (including appropriate method, required equipment and personnel, and other logistics).

- APHIS reviews *any* decision by State or industry to use ventilation shutdown. These decisions must involve APHIS and can occur immediately by phone, so that a joint State-APHIS-industry decision can be reached to meet the 24-hour depopulation goal.

☐ Discuss disposal options of carcasses and other materials (including appropriate method, required equipment and personnel, applicable regulations, etc.).

☐ Get premises loaded into EMRS2, if your State does not have pre-loaded premises data (loading prior to an incident is strongly preferred, more information is [here](#)).

☐ NAHLN laboratories need to begin electronic messaging of results immediately, if not already doing so.

☐ Anyone submitting diagnostic samples *must* ensure that samples have accurate premises ID numbers on samples *and* on sample submission forms.

**THEN, REVIEW POLICY GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS FOR RESPONSE…**

With the ongoing threat of HPAI, unaffected States should prepare for an Infected Premises in their State. States should be aware of these procedures, processes, and information. If at any time you have a request for relevant documents or guidance available, please ask!
Communication & Coordination

- State Public Affairs, APHIS Legislative and Public Affairs, APHIS Trade Staff, & industry should coordinate timing and content for ANY public announcements and bilateral trade notifications.
- Calls between relevant parties, including but not limited to appropriate APHIS officials, company officials, and affected States, should begin immediately. More communication is almost always better in an outbreak.

Appraisal and Indemnity Procedures

- Please start with the quick 1-page Overview of Finance and Administration Procedures.
- The Appraisal and Indemnity Request Forms for both poultry owners and growers are the first documents that must be signed in order to commence depopulation activities.
  - Appraisal and Indemnity Request Form Appendix A1: Poultry Owner
  - Appraisal and Indemnity Request Form Appendix A2: Poultry Grower
- Ensure that all information for the VS 1-23 is collected as soon as possible.

Depopulation

- Rapid depopulation and euthanasia is needed to control virus spread.
  - The goal is to depopulate within 24 hours after HPAI detection on a premises.
- Refer to the following policy guidance: Stamping-Out & Depopulation Policy & Ventilation Shutdown Evidence and Policy.

3D Activities/NVS Support

- To contact the NVS and/or request resources, please email NVS@aphis.usda.gov.
- Disposal procedures must be effective and appropriate.
  - For composting, review Mortality Composting Protocol for AI Infected Flocks.
  - For landfilling, refer to the Landfill Disposal Guidance document.
- Cleaning and disinfection (virus elimination) of all areas must be conducted.
  - Please review Cleaning & Disinfection Basics (Virus Elimination).

Zones and Premises

- A Control Area needs to be established around the HPAI Infected Premises; refer to the Ready Reference Guide—Overview of Zones.

Surveillance & Epidemiology

- Use the Initial Contact Epi Report to quickly gather the most critical information about premises.
- Review Avian Sample Collection for Influenza A and Newcastle Disease.
♦ Immediately initiate surveillance activities to detect disease; guidance for HPAI is found in **Surveillance of Backyard Flocks Around Infected Premises** & **Surveillance Sampling Commercial Premises in Control Area**.

♦ Rapidly follow up on any sick bird calls.

☐ **Movement Control and Permitting**

♦ For an overview on movement control and guidance on moving into, within, and out of a Control Area, see [Movement Control](#).

♦ The Secure Food Supply plans provide permitting guidance ([www.securepoultrysupply.com](http://www.securepoultrysupply.com)).

♦ For permitting, see an [Overview of the HPAI Control Area Permitting Process](#); the EMRS2 Customer Permit Gateway can be used for permit requests—an [Overview of the EMRS2 Gateway](#) document is also available.

☐ **Biosecurity**

♦ Rapidly implement increased biosecurity measures on any infected premises; responders also need to observe strict biosecurity procedures to prevent virus spread.

  - Many biosecurity resources are available from [http://www.poultrybiosecurity.org/](http://www.poultrybiosecurity.org/)

☐ **More Information**

♦ Guidance on [PPE Recommendations for HPAI Responders](#) is available.

♦ The FAD PReP website will be updated with any new HPAI response and policy guidance during the outbreak; HPAI is linked at the top and in the sidebar.


♦ [APHIS HPAI Website](#)

♦ [USDA HPAI Website](#)