

Surveillance Zones vs. Control Areas

If highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is detected in a Michigan flock, the affected flock will be placed under quarantine, and it will prompt the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a surveillance zone and/or a control area around the affected flock to manage the disease and limit its spread. These zones and areas can be changed by the USDA at any time.



Surveillance Zone: A 10 km (6.2 mi) circle around an affected non-commercial backyard flock. If no additional affected premises are found within the zone, the surveillance zone will be removed after 28 days.

If you have a **non-commercial backyard flock** and are in a surveillance zone, this means . . .

- **Outreach:** If your premises is known to MDARD, you will be contacted by one of their staff who will inform you of the surveillance zone and the need for [enhanced biosecurity](#).
- **Personal Surveillance:** Monitor your flock for unusual deaths or other [signs of HPAI](#).
- **Enhanced Biosecurity & Reporting:** Take every step possible to keep wild birds and their germs away from your flock and immediately contact MDARD if HPAI is suspected.
 - Testing birds for HPAI involves a MDARD or USDA veterinarian swabbing the throat and mouth of live birds or collecting birds that have already died.

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Control Area: A 10 km (6.2 mi) circle that will be established around an affected commercial flock. If no additional affected premises are found within the area, the USDA will set a date for when the control area is removed.

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- **Personal Surveillance:** Monitor your flock for unusual deaths or other [signs of HPAI](#).
- **Permitting:** To move poultry or poultry products onto or off a premises, permitting protocols need to be followed.
- **Enhanced Biosecurity & Reporting:** Stringent biosecurity protocols must be followed and immediately contact MDARD if HPAI is suspected.

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- **Outreach:** If your premises is known to MDARD, you will be contacted by one of their staff who will inform you of the control area and the next steps to take.
- **Mandatory Surveillance:** Undergo surveillance in accordance with USDA protocols.
- **Permitting:** To move poultry or poultry products onto or off a premises, permitting protocols need to be followed.
- **Enhanced Biosecurity & Reporting:** Stringent biosecurity protocols must be followed and immediately contact MDARD if HPAI is suspected.