



# NOTICE TO OWNERS OF BREEDING BIRDS

## Avian influenza: highly pathogenic H5N1 virus in Quebec

The highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 has been identified in Quebec in wild and farm birds.

### 1 MONITOR THESE CLINICAL SIGNS AT YOUR BIRDS' HOME:

- lack of energy and appetite;
- decreased egg production and laying of many soft-shelled or shell-less eggs;
- swelling of the head, eyelids, crest, and wattles and the hocks;
- cough, sneezing and nervous signs;
- diarrhea;
- lack of coordination;
- Sudden death.

In case of unusual mortality or signs of illness, consult a veterinarian. If this is not possible, call 450-768-6763 to reach the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's (CFIA) Avian Influenza Emergency Hotline to report sick birds, or 1-844-ANIMALS to contact the Quebec Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPAQ) Reporting Centre.

### 2 AVOID ALL CONTACT BETWEEN YOUR BIRDS AND WILD BIRDS.

Find important information on this topic au [Quebec.ca/Grippeaviaire](http://Quebec.ca/Grippeaviaire).

### 3 COMPLY. Regulations on the sanitary conditions of the premises keeping captive birds.

### 4 AVOID ANY LINK BETWEEN SMALL BIRD FARMS AND COMMERCIAL FARMS.

### 5 STRICTLY APPLY PREVENTION AND BIOSECURITY MEASURES IN LIVESTOCK FARMS.

Visit the Quebec [Poultry Disease Control Team](#) page for more information.

In order to prevent the spread of the disease, **PRIMARY CONTROL ZONES (PCZs)** are established around positive farms.

Within these areas, the transport of birds, of their The movement of products or by-products and objects exposed to birds is regulated. Some movements are prohibited, while others require a permit.

First, check if you are located in a ZCP by consulting the [Avian Influenza Zone - CFIA page](#); Use the [interactive tool on the CFIA webpage](#) to obtain information on the permits required as well as the conditions for transporting birds and by-products in the ZCPs.

For information or assistance regarding permits and authorizations for movement control in the ZCPs, owners of small livestock or birds Farmers can contact MAPAQ by email to the address [permisZCPdeplacement@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:permisZCPdeplacement@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BIRD FLU, VISIT [QUEBEC.CA/BIRDFLU](http://QUEBEC.CA/BIRDFLU).

