

**PA Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Sample Submission Instructions  
July 8, 2022**

**Who:** Poultry companies operating in the control area or surveillance zone should have biological samples collected by:

- A certified poultry technician OR
- Trained HPAI samplers OR
- Veterinarian-acquired samples

**When:**

- For control area (0-10km) and surveillance zone (10-20km), weekly testing between 5-7 days is required regardless of movement.
- If moving product from within the control area, additional testing may be required per the Secure Poultry Supply Plan. To search your relevant bird or product type movement, please refer to the Secure Poultry Supply Plan. <https://securepoultrysupply.umn.edu/>

**What samples to collect for gallinaceous birds:**

Number of dead birds in house	Number of dead birds swabbed in a house	Number of tubes submitted (11 dead birds per tube)
<22	22*	2
<100	22	2
100-149	33	3
150-199	44	4
200-249	55	5
250-299	66	6
300 or more	77	7

\*Swab all dead birds and make up the remaining 22 swabs from sick birds followed by healthy birds

For gallinaceous species, oropharyngeal swabs with swabbing through the choanal slit is an acceptable sample: swab up to 11 birds of one type/tube but do not leave the swabs in the tube.

For waterfowl, cloacal swabs are the only acceptable sample: for duck samples, we require 35 cloacal swabs per duck house pooled into 5 swabs per tube. The 5 swabs can be broken off into each tube but ensure that the cap can be completely closed.

**Where:** Take your samples and the submission form to the following site starting Saturday, July 9, 2022.

**\* The site is scheduled to be closed after July 14, 2022. \***

Location	Address	Hours
Southwest	Lloyd H. Fuhrman Memorial Park 110 Rock Point Road Marietta, PA	7 days per week 8 am – 10 am for Same Day Testing

\*If you cannot make it to a site by the cutoff time, you can contact any of the PADLS labs to make a biosecure drop off. Failing that, refrigerate your samples for the next drop-off period. <http://padls.agriculture.pa.gov/index.html>. When not refrigerated, transport BHI tubes upright on ice packs in a cooler.

**Weekend Lab Schedule:**

Date	Open Lab
Saturday, July 9, 2022	PA Vet Lab
Sunday, July 10, 2022	New Bolton

**Note:** Fill out all sections of the PADLS High Path AI Submission Form or your results may be delayed. Include your federal premises ID; if you do not know it or do not have one, call (717) 836-3235.