

**STATE OF MARYLAND  
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**ORDER OF: THE SECRETARY  
OF AGRICULTURE**

**TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF  
HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN  
INFLUENZA IN THIS  
STATE**

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**ORDER No. 2022-02**  
  
**Authority: Agriculture Article,  
§2-103.1, §§ 3-101 *et seq.*,  
Annotated Code of Maryland**

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**EMRGENCY ORDER**

WHEREAS the Secretary of Agriculture, State of Maryland, has broad powers to prevent the spread of contagious or infectious diseases to protect the health and well-being of the State’s domestic animals;

WHEREAS Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), a highly infectious and contagious disease, has been detected on a farm in Maryland;

WHEREAS HPAI also has been detected on a Delaware farm in close proximity to Maryland;

WHEREAS HPAI poses a major health threat to the State’s poultry;

WHEREAS HPAI can devastate the economically important poultry industry in this State;

WHEREAS the movement of poultry, eggs, and poultry supplies for any purpose within, into, and out of a Control Zone within the State poses a high risk of disease spread when HPAI is present in the State and in neighboring states;

WHEREAS a process for permitting the movement of poultry, eggs, and agricultural supplies for the care and feeding of existing poultry is needed;

WHEREAS it is urgent and necessary to establish a quarantine as an emergency measure to prevent the spread of HPAI in this State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph Bartenfelder, the Secretary of Agriculture, State of Maryland, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Agriculture Article, §2-103.1 and §§ 3-101 through 3-119, Annotated Code of Maryland, on this 8th day of March, 2022, hereby establish a Quarantine, subject to the terms, conditions, and restrictions as follows:

A. Terms defined. For the purposes of this amended Order, the following additional terms have the meanings indicated

(1) “Control Area” means an area identified by the Maryland Department of Agriculture consisting of an Infected Zone and a Buffer Zone, and has individual premises quarantine for Infected Premises, Suspect Premises, and Contact Premises and movement restrictions for At-Risk Premises.

(2) (a) “Person” means an owner or operator of a poultry farm within the Control Area.

(b) “Person” includes poultry companies.

(3) “Poultry” means live chicks, chickens, doves, ducks, geese, grouse, guinea fowl, partridges, pea fowl, pheasants, pigeons, quail, swans, or turkeys.

B. Movement requirements governing hatching eggs and poultry.

(1) Effective immediately, a person may not move domestic poultry or hatching eggs into either: (a) The 10 Kilometer Control Area in Cecil County, Maryland; or (b) The pullet farm located at 3365 Walnut Road, Millington, MD.

(2) Before a person may transport or otherwise move table eggs, hatching eggs or poultry out of the Control Area, the person shall:

- (a) Obtain a Permit for Movement issued from the Maryland Department; and
- (b) Abide by all of the terms and requirements stated in the Permit.

(3) A person is not required to obtain a permit to transport or otherwise move poultry, hatching eggs or table eggs within Maryland that is outside of the Control Area.

C. Duration. This Order takes effect immediately and shall be effective through August 8, 2022. If the danger of additional disease has not passed, the Secretary of Agriculture may extend the Order's duration. If it has passed, the Order be revoked earlier than August 8, 2022.

D. Violations. Any person who violates the requirements of this quarantine order is subject to (1) criminal penalties as provided in Agriculture Article, §§ 12-101 *et seq.*, Annotated Code of Maryland; and (2) administrative penalties up to \$10,000 as provided in Agriculture Article, § 3-116, Annotated Code of Maryland. In addition, the Secretary of Agriculture may impose a hold order on any poultry or hatching eggs found in this State in violation of this Order.

E. Enforcement. As provided in Agriculture Article, § 2-103.1 and § 3-106(c) Annotated Code of Maryland, any sheriff, deputy sheriff, or law enforcement officer is ordered to assist in the execution or enforcement of this order.

F. Contact Person. If a person affected by this Order has questions, the person may contact the Office of the State Veterinarian at (410) 841-5810.



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