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RE: Heightened Biosecurity Notice to Industry Stakeholders Operating in the Niagara Region

On behalf of the four feather boards, the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) is issuing a heightened biosecurity advisory to all industry personnel operating in the Niagara Region. No further information regarding the suspected disease is available at this time.

Stakeholders are being asked to implement heightened biosecurity if working on farms or travelling through this area. This includes (but is not limited to):

- wearing boots, protection suits, hats and gloves/hand washing;
- all deliveries/loading should be the last on the route; and
- wash and disinfect the truck's undercarriage and steps before proceeding with any other delivery/loading.

A Producer Advisory is being distributed by staff from the various Boards to all commercial producers and registered small flock growers in this Niagara Region. Should you be aware of health concerns in flocks you deal with, please advise the farmer to contact their veterinarian, as well as their Board or call **1-877-SOS-BYRD**.

Updates will be provided through the FBCC website at www.fbcc.ca. There you will find the most current incident status information.