

## **Regular Biosecurity “Green”**

*(Approved by the BCPA September 21, 2023)*



*These are the measures outlined in the BC Biosecurity Program<sup>1</sup> and must be followed on a daily basis. These measures must be in place to prevent the introduction and spread of diseases.*

Ensure that all personnel entering your premise follow your biosecurity protocols and sign in on your Visitor Log. Ensure there is enough room for personnel to park off road ways without entering your CAZ. The CAZ and RAZ zones must display proper biosecurity signage on barn doors and CAZ barriers (gates or chains) are to be kept closed when not in use.

### **Controlled Access Zone (CAZ)**

- Identify your CAZ
- Maintain a secure physical barrier (gate or chain) at the CAZ entrance
- Restrict movement in and out of your CAZ
- Have the ability to wash and disinfect vehicles or equipment entering and exiting your CAZ
- Regularly maintain your CAZ – Keep vegetation low, clean up debris, and grade driveways to avoid standing water

### **Restricted Access Zone (RAZ)**

- Identify your RAZ
- Maintain a permanent and visible demarcation (a physical barrier is highly recommended)
- Only allow essential personnel into your RAZ
- Any equipment entering the RAZ must be free of visible organic matter

### **Farmers and Employees Accessing the Restricted Access Zone (RAZ)**

- Wash and sanitize your hands or wear disposable gloves
- Change foot wear
- Clothing worn in the RAZ should be changed before going out in public

### **Visitors Accessing the Restricted Access Zone (RAZ)**

- Must wash and sanitize their hands or wear disposable gloves
- Must wear premise specific coveralls and RAZ specific boots.

<sup>1</sup> These are not all of the BC Biosecurity Program requirements; please refer to your producer manual for more information. Note if your commodity's On-Farm Food Safety Program requires more stringent biosecurity measures please follow them instead. The measures above are minimum requirements.

## Heightened Biosecurity “Yellow”



*These measures are **in addition to your “Green” biosecurity procedures<sup>1</sup>** and should be applied when there is a heightened disease risk or other threats in your region within BC.*

### **Controlled Access Zone (CAZ)**

- CAZ barrier should be closed at all times
- Restrict CAZ access to all unnecessary vehicles
- Establish a parking area outside of your CAZ
- Implement an “Essential Visitors Only” policy
- Minimize contact with all other avian (bird) and porcine (swine) species
- Minimize contact with all other poultry operations
- No mortalities and cull eggs to leave premise except on recommendation of a governing body (i.e. board/commission, veterinary, CFIA etc.)

### **Restricted Access Zone (RAZ)**

- Keep doors locked at all times when the building is not occupied by personnel
- Closely monitor flock health for decreased feed and water intake, increased mortality, and unusual behaviour. Report any of the above to your Veterinarian and commodity board
- Clean and disinfect traffic area and access points after each egg pick up
- Minimize contact between commercial poultry and wild birds & wild bird droppings

### **Equipment**

- All equipment and materials related to the production of poultry that enter or leave the CAZ, regardless of size or use, must be clean and disinfected

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## Enhanced Biosecurity “Red”

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*These measures are **in addition to your “Green” and “Yellow” biosecurity protocols<sup>1</sup>** and should be implemented on farms in a region where a disease or other threat is suspected or present.*

### Controlled Access Zone (CAZ)

- Inform all family, friends, staff, service personnel, and allied trades of your enhanced biosecurity measures
- Keep your CAZ barrier locked at all times
- *Limit visits to only essential visitors. They must make an appointment and they must follow individual farm’s biosecurity requirements. Wherever possible, meet off the farm. (revised)*
- Implement your vehicle wash station at the entrance to your CAZ
  - Remove all organic debris with pressurized water
  - Disinfect tires, wheel wells, and under-carriages of vehicles
  - Disinfect the floor mats, pedals, steering wheel, and door handles of the interior of the vehicle with disinfecting wipes or a small spray bottle and paper towel
- Make sure garbage bins (dumpsters) are outside of the CAZ and reduce pick-ups as much as possible

### Restricted Access Zone (RAZ)

- Keep all exterior barn doors locked at all times when not occupied by personnel
- When entering the RAZ change into barn specific coveralls and RAZ specific boots as well as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as per WorkSafe BC requirements
- When exiting the RAZ leave all biosecurity gear on the RAZ side of the CAZ/RAZ demarcation
- Wash and or sanitize your hands before entering or exiting the RAZ
- Shower before and after completing your daily barn chores
- Restrict contact between commercial poultry and wild birds & wild bird droppings

### Conducting Business

- Whenever possible conduct all activities through non-contact methods such as telephone, email, or fax
- *Ensure proper biosecurity protocols are implemented while attending and returning from any common public gatherings. (revised)*

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