



Outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza near Finstown, Orkney Islands

Do you live near Finstown and keep poultry or birds?

Important information – Please read and take action!

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (bird flu) was confirmed near Finstown on 22.11.23 and new disease control zones & restrictions are in place.

There are actions you need to take if you live within 3km of an infected premises.

Check the interactive map by visiting the website or scanning the QR code.



www.gov.scot/publications/avian-influenza-outbreaks

If you live in the blue zone and keep poultry (chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese etc) or captive birds (pigeons, birds of prey etc) you must contact us before Friday 1st December 2023: Please contact us by telephoning 03000 600 709 (choose option 1) 08:30 – 17:00, Monday to Thursday and 08:30 – 16:30 on Friday. Alternatively E-mail APHA.Scotland@apha.gov.uk with your contact details. Please put FINSTOWN as the email subject.

In the main body please tell us:

- Your phone number.
- Your CPH number if you have one.
- How many and what kind of birds (species) you have.
- If you have sold or given away eggs in the last 2 weeks.
- If you have any pigs or pigeons on the premises.
- If you have or work on any other linked premises with pigs or poultry.



Our dedicated team will complete a brief questionnaire with you. They will be able to provide information on the current outbreak, and biosecurity and veterinary advice to help you to protect your birds from the virus.

The information you provide will not only help to protect your birds from the disease, but also those kept by others in your area.

The avian influenza outbreak in your area is caused by a virus that primarily affects birds and presents a very low risk to humans and other animals.

You can find more information on avian influenza (bird flu) by visiting www.gov.scot/birdflu