



Waterfowl HPAI Sampling

PROCEDURE FOR TESTING HEALTHY WATERFOWL FOR EXHIBITION

Exhibitors may collect samples to test healthy waterfowl for HPAI influenza virus for the purpose of exhibition. The cost of testing samples that have been properly submitted to the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (OVDL) will be paid by the Oregon Department of Agriculture. The Oregon Department of Agriculture will provide sampling kits and pre-paid shipping for HPAI sampling to exhibitors upon request.

All submissions must include the Premises Identification Number of the location where the animals were sampled. If the herd owner does not have a Premises ID Number (PIN), they may obtain one from ODA using the application form at <https://oda.direct/PremisesID>.

- Gather or request the proper PPE. For testing healthy waterfowl that are not known to be infected with HPAI a minimum of nitrile or latex examination gloves and appropriate eye protection is recommended.
- Collect cloacal swab samples from each waterfowl to be exhibited.
 - Up to 5 swab samples from one species (ducks, geese, etc) may be collected into one tube of media. Different species must be collected into different tubes.
 - Lift the tail to visualize the vent.
 - Carefully insert the swab into the vent. Do not insert the swab too deeply. Rotate the swab about 4 to 5 times.
 - After swabbing, stir the swab vigorously in the tube for 5 seconds.
 - Bring the swab to the top of the tube and roll all the contents of the swab out against the inside of the tube.
 - **Do not leave swabs inside the tube.**
 - Tightly close the tubes and ensure that they are free of any organic material.
- Fill out the lab submission form (included in sample kit) completely. Incomplete submission forms will delay testing.
 - Each sampling kit includes 4-part barcode labels. Affix one unique barcode to each sample container, while affixing a matching barcode to the appropriate animal on the submission form.
 - Include the two remaining matching barcodes from each sample (and any unused barcode sets) with the samples for laboratory use.
- Place the samples, lab submission form and a frozen ice pack in the shipping cooler provided.
- Place the provided FedEx label on the outside of the box.
- Ship overnight to OVDL, be sure to deliver the box to FedEx before the priority shipping cut-off.

