

Delivery of TB surveillance & controls during the Avian flu outbreak (England)



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- The avian flu outbreak means that APHA have actioned contingency plans to maintain delivery of key TB surveillance and control activities
- Delivery of some TB activities will be affected by this including mandatory gamma testing
- For more information, go to TB hub: <https://tbhub.co.uk/delivery-of-tb-surveillance-controls-during-the-hpai-outbreak-england/>

The Animal & Plant Health Agency (APHA) is controlling the largest outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) ever seen in Great Britain. APHA have actioned contingency plans to maintain delivery of key TB surveillance and control activities, however a substantial number of APHA personnel normally working on "business as usual" TB activities have been redeployed to control the outbreak.

This means that certain TB services are not currently being offered in all cases; including mandatory gamma testing (blood testing) and contiguous/radial testing in edge and high risk areas. There may also be a delay in radial testing for low risk areas.

APHA recognises that this is a worrying time for farmers, particularly those whose herds are experiencing a TB breakdown. APHA is working hard to minimise disruption and is keeping the situation under continuous review.

Further guidance is available on the TB hub explaining the impact of the current HPAI outbreak on TB surveillance and control activities <https://tbhub.co.uk/delivery-of-tb-surveillance-controls-during-the-hpai-outbreak-england/>

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