June 26, 2015

To: Minnesota Poultry Producers

From: Minnesota Board of Animal Health

RE: Pre-Movement Testing / July 4th Holiday Schedule

Effective **Monday July 6, 2015**, the schedule for avian influenza (AI) virus PCR testing at the University of Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, St. Paul (UM-VDL) will be as follows:

- **Pre-Movement and Control Area Surveillance Testing**
  - Samples delivered to the UM-VDL by 12:00 noon will be tested and reported the same day. Results should be available by 5:00 pm. Any permits needed with this test result will be issued for movement on the next calendar day (e.g. Samples submitted on 7/1/15 will have a permit issued for movement on 7/2/15 from 12:00 am – 11:59 pm).
  - Samples submitted to the UM-VDL after 12:00 noon will be tested the following morning beginning at 9am. Results should be available by 1:00 pm. Any permits needed with this test result will be issued for movement on a 24 hour period from the time the test result is available (e.g. Results available by 1:00 pm on 7/2/15 will have a permit issued for movement from 1:00 pm on 7/2/15 to 1:00 pm on 7/3/15).

- **Sick Bird AI Testing**
  - Samples for same day sick bird testing will continue as before if samples are submitted by 8:00 pm. Contact the UM-VDL by phone at 800-605-8787 and ask for either Dr. Rob Porter or Dr. Sunil Mor. Drs. Porter and Mor can also be reached during the day or after hours at 952-847-3476 (Dr. Porter) or 612-325-4620 (Dr. Mor). Producers can also call the sick bird hotline at 320-214-6700 extension 3804

- Please refer to the Board website for additional information on permitted movement [https://www.bah.state.mn.us/avian-influenza](https://www.bah.state.mn.us/avian-influenza)
  - **Birds, Semen or Eggs from Commercial Farms**
    - **Testing.** Two negative PCR tests (5 bird pooled samples for each barn) are required. Samples for the second test must be collected the day prior to the date of each shipment. Test results must be verified before a permit is issued.
    - **Mortality logs.** A mortality log of the previous 14 days for each barn on the site must be submitted the day prior to the date of each shipment.
    - **Biosecurity audits.** A biosecurity audit must be submitted one time for each premises.

**July 4 Weekend Holiday Schedule**

- **Courier Service**
  - The courier schedule will run from Melrose and Willmar at the usual 9:00 am and 3:00 pm time slots on Friday July 3 and Sunday July 5. There will be no courier service on Saturday July 4 so samples collected that day need to be refrigerated.
  - After the holiday weekend, normal courier service resumes from both Melrose and Willmar locations.

- **UM-VDL Test Schedule**
  - Samples received on Friday July 3 by 12:00 noon will be tested that day. Samples received in the afternoon will be tested Sunday July 5. There will be no testing of samples July 4 (Saturday).

**BAH Comments:**

- As activities associated with the current event continues, please refer to the Board’s website for additional information on Control Zones statuses and other avian influenza activities.