Please note: These procedures may be revised as the situation develops.

For information on environmental sampling required and the timeline to restocking, please see [Timeline to Restocking & Environmental Sampling Procedures](#).

**GENERAL GUIDANCE**

A primary goal of the HPAI response is to ensure that the response efforts and activities do not cause more damage and disruption than the disease outbreak itself. However, restocked premises that subsequently re-break with HPAI put added stress on already strained resources and continue the risk of ongoing HPAI transmission in commercial poultry. As such, APHIS urges extreme caution restocking premises.

APHIS **will not** indemnify previously infected premises that are restocked without written APHIS and State approval and subsequently become re-infected.

**CRITERIA**

In order to restock, the following criteria must be met:

- The owner and/or grower has met the requirements of the State Quarantine Notice or Hold Order(s); AND
- The owner and/or grower has met the requirements of the USDA Flock Plan; AND
- The owner and/or grower has met the requirements of the USDA Cooperative Compliance Agreement; AND
- The premises has met the minimum required time period outlined (for the method of disposal chosen) in the [Timeline to Restocking & Environmental Sampling Procedures](#) document; AND
- The premises has met the minimum required environmental sampling, with no evidence of HPAI infection, as outlined in the [Timeline to Restocking & Environmental Sampling Procedures](#) document; AND
- In the last 21 days, there has not been any detection of HPAI in commercial poultry in a 10km radius of the premises wanting to restock; AND
- In the last 21 days, there has not been any detection of HPAI in backyard poultry in a 3km radius of the premises wanting to restock; AND
- State and APHIS officials must agree in writing that the premises can be restocked from flocks that test negative for AI (2 negative rRT-PCR tests are required within 24 hours of movement); AND
- In the event emergency vaccination is implemented in response to the current HPAI outbreak, this document will be updated.
- The premises will complete any additional surveillance, biosecurity procedures, and requirements for movement as may be required by the State or APHIS upon and following restocking.