

# Avian Influenza (H5N1)

also known as  
"Highly Pathogenic Avian  
Influenza" or "Bird Flu"



## What is it?

Avian Influenza is a disease caused by the influenza A viruses. It is spread naturally through wild birds (mostly waterfowl), but most show no signs of illness.

Avian influenza can be spread from wild birds through mucous, saliva or feces to domestic poultry and other bird and animal species, including chickens, turkeys and cows.

## What you can do

- Avoid contact with wild birds.
- Avoid unprotected contact with domestic birds/animals that look sick or have died.
- Do not touch surfaces that may be contaminated with saliva, mucous or feces from wild or domestic birds.
- Avoid unpasteurized (raw) milk for pets and family

## Risk of Avian Influenza to Humans

The overall risk to the **general public is low.**

People who may be at **greater risk because of exposure to birds/animals include:**

- ✓ Poultry/dairy farmers or livestock owners
- ✓ Game hunters
- ✓ Bird/animal sanctuary workers
- ✓ People who raise flocks of birds
- ✓ Professionals who respond to bird flu outbreaks
- ✓ People with direct contact to sick/infected birds (including Animal Control Officers)



If you encounter sick or dead wild birds, **do not touch** them. Report the findings to the Township by contacting HAMStat.



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For more information on Avian Influenza and updates on the current outbreak visit:



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