

What to Know About Bird (H5N1) Flu

New Jersey Updates as of 8/25



- **Humans:** No cases detected
- **Wild Birds:** Confirmed cases across the state
- **Poultry:** Confirmed cases in Hudson, Mercer, Union and Essex Counties
- **Livestock/cattle:** No cases detected
- **Other:** Confirmed feral cat cases in Hunterdon and Union Counties

For more information, please visit the NJ Department of Health website



Tips To Stay Safe



- Avoid direct contact with wild birds.



- Do not touch wild or domestic birds that appear ill or have died.



- Avoid touching surfaces contaminated by sick birds or animals without proper protection.



- Do not drink or eat raw milk, raw milk products, or undercooked poultry or eggs.



- Do not feed your pets raw pet food (either homemade or commercial).
- Keep pets away from wild birds, poultry and cattle.

If you see a sick or dead bird, do not touch it.

Call the NJDEP or NJDA right away!



- **Report sick or dead wild birds** to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife (NJDEP) hotline at: **1-877-927-6337**.
- **For domestic poultry or suspected cases of H5N1 in livestock**, immediately report sick or unexplained deaths to the NJDA, Division of Animal Health at: **609-671-6400** or **state.veterinarian@ag.nj.gov**

What to do with dead birds

It is recommended to leave dead birds alone. However, if it is necessary to dispose of a dead bird on private property, please follow the instructions for proper personal protective equipment and disposal guidelines from the DEP at: https://dep.nj.gov/newsrel/25_00117/

