AVIAN INFLUENZA
(BIRD FLU)

A virus that infects domestic poultry, such as chickens, turkeys, quail, and geese, and wild birds such as shorebirds and waterfowl.

Bird flu spreads quickly by direct bird-to-bird contact. Viruses can be carried by manure, tools, equipment, vehicles, egg flat, crates, clothing, and shoes. Migratory waterfowl can also carry the disease.

6 ways to protect your birds

1. KEEP YOUR DISTANCE
Restrict access to your property and keep your birds away from other birds.

2. KEEP IT CLEAN
Wash your hands thoroughly before and after working with your birds. Clean and disinfect equipment.

3. DON’T HAUL DISEASE HOME
Buy birds from reputable sources and keep new birds separated for at least 30 days.

4. DON’T BORROW DISEASE
Do not share equipment or supplies with neighbors or other bird owners. If you must borrow, disinfect it first.

5. KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS
Early detection can help prevent the spread of disease. Check your birds frequently. If you find a sick or dead bird, don’t touch it.

6. REPORT SICK BIRDS
Don’t wait. If your birds are sick or dying, call ODA at 1.800.347.7028.

What are the signs of bird flu?

- Lack of energy or appetite
- Decreased egg production and/or soft-shelled or misshapen eggs
- Swelling of the head, eyelids, comb, wattles, and hocks
- Purple discoloration of the wattles, combs, and legs
- Runny nose, coughing, sneezing
- Stumbling or falling down
- Diarrhea
- Sudden death without any clinical signs

ODA Avian Influenza information and updates:
https://oda.direct/AvianInfluenza

APHIS Defend the Flock resources:
http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov

IF YOU FIND A SICK OR DEAD BIRD, DON’T TOUCH IT. REPORT IT.

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Animal Health Program
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WILD BIRDS
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