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Avian Influenza Fact Sheet



Overview

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), also referred to as H5N1 or commonly “bird flu,” is a virus that is widespread in wild birds worldwide. It is currently causing outbreaks nationally in poultry and U.S. dairy cows with several recent human cases in U.S. dairy and poultry workers. While the current public health risk is low, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is monitoring the situation carefully.



Current Situation in Nassau County, NY

- No confirmed cases in people or animals in Nassau County.
- Thoroughly cooked eggs, poultry, and pasteurized milk are safe to consume.

General Precautions

- Wash hands with soap and water, or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Avoid contact with animals that appear to be sick or are dead, including birds
- Thoroughly cook eggs and meat prior to eating
- Do not consume any raw milk or raw milk products
- Wash hands frequently when preparing food

More Information

Call: (516) 227-9697

Visit: nassaucountyny.gov/birdflu



Report sightings of dead wild birds to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

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