## Avian Influenza



Avian influenza, commonly known as bird flu, is an infectious disease caused by a group of influenza A viruses. These viruses naturally occur in wild waterfowl and shorebirds. However, they can infect other wild and domestic bird species, as well as mammals, including humans.

## **Prevent Avian Influenza**



Use gloves when cleaning up after wild birds



Wash hands after outdoor activities



Keep outdoor clothes and shoes separate from flocks



Avoid sick or dead wildlife



Keep backyard flocks away from wildlife



**IMPORTANT:** While the risk of avian flu to public health remains low, if you feel ill after contact with wild birds or other wildlife, seek advice from a healthcare provider.



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