

Influenza (Flu)

H5N1 Bird Flu: Current Situation Summary

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H5N1 Detections in USA

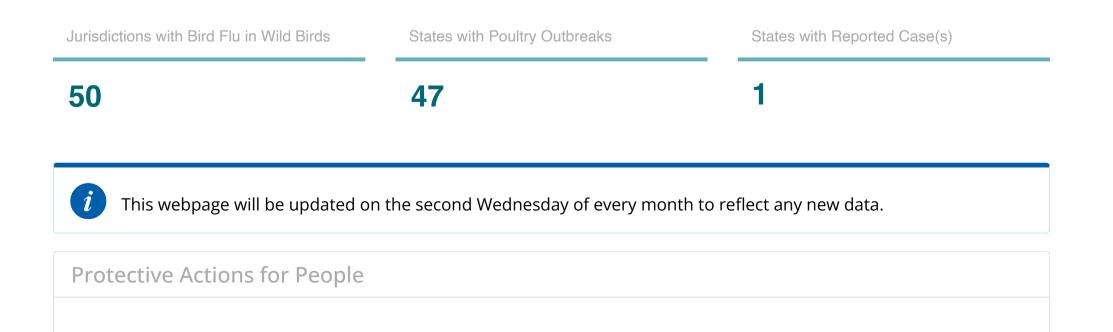
- Wild Birds: Widespread 🖸
- Poultry Flocks: Sporadic outbreaks 🗹
- Mammals: Sporadic infections 🗹

- People: 1 'case' in U.S. after exposure to infected birds
- Person-to-person spread: None
- Current public health risk: Low

Spotlights

Jun 30. 2023	Technical Report: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A(H5N1) Viruses
May 15. 2023	CDC and Representatives from Across Southeast Asia Meet in Bangkok for Workshop on Avian Influenza
Apr 17. 2023	Human Infection with highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1) virus in Chile
Apr 10. 2023	Human Infection with Avian Influenza A(H3N8) Virus Reported by China







Protective actions around wild birds

Avoid direct contact with wild birds and observe them only from a distance, if possible. Learn more.



What to do if you find a dead bird

Avoid contact with wild or domestic birds that appear ill or have died and call to report sick or dead birds. Learn more.

Preparing food

It is safe to eat properly handled and cooked poultry in the United States. Learn more.



Traveling to other countries

CDC does not currently recommend any travel restrictions related to bird flu to countries affected by bird flu in poultry or people. Learn more.

Related Links

Highlights in the History of Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) Timeline – 2020-2023

Avian Influenza Communication Resources

Avian Influenza: Information for Health Professionals and Laboratorians

USDA: Detections of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

USDA: Defend the Flock Program 🖸

USDA: Distribution of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in North America

Technical Report: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A(H5N1) Viruses (cdc.gov)

Human Infection With Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A(H5N1) Virus in Chile (cdc.gov)

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If you have contact with infected birds and become sick

Learn what to do if you have contact with infected birds and become sick. Learn more.

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Clinician, laboratorian or public health worker

Visit CDC's avian influenza (bird flu) information for health professional and laboratorians webpage for the latest guidance. Learn more



Get a seasonal flu vaccine

Seasonal flu vaccination will not prevent infection with bird flu viruses, but can reduce the risk of getting sick with human and bird flu viruses at the same time. Learn more.