



Influenza (Flu)

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H5N1 Bird Flu: Current Situation Summary

Updated March 20, 2024

H5N1 Detections in USA	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	
Feb 12. 2024	First Human Influenza A(H5N1) (Bird Flu) Virus Infections in Cambodia Reported for 2024
Jan 31. 2024	New Study Highlights Importance of Bird Flu Surveillance in Live Bird Markets
Dec 29. 2023	Technical Report: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A(H5N1) Viruses
Oct 27. 2023	Technical Report: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A(H5N1) Viruses



Wild Birds



Poultry



Humans

Wild Birds Detected

9,181

as of 3/13/2024 | [Full Report >](#)

Poultry Affected

82,048,716

as of 3/20/2024 | [Full Report >](#)

Reported Human Cases in the U.S.

1

as of 04/28/2022 | [Full Report >](#)

Jurisdictions with Bird Flu in Wild Birds

50

States with Poultry Outbreaks

48

States with Reported Case(s)

1



This webpage will be updated weekly on Wednesdays to reflect any new data. Data on wild birds have been collected since January 20, 2022. Data on poultry have been collected since February 8, 2022.

Protective Actions for People



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.](#)



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.](#)



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.](#)

Related Links

[H5N1 Bird Flu Technical Reports](#)

[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](#) [↗](#)

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