

Prevent the Transmission of H5N1 Avian Flu

Community Advisory



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H5N1 Avian Flu has been detected among a select number of birds on Grand Cayman. Public Health and the Department of Agriculture are actively monitoring the situation and conducting containment activities. Decontamination stations have been established for prevention. Risk to the general public remains low.

To prevent exposure, follow the guidance below.

What Not to Do

Avoid the following behaviours, as they increase the risk of exposure:

- Touching sick or dead animals
- Approaching or handling wild birds or feral chickens
- Feeding feral chickens or wild birds
- Touching environments contaminated by bird feces
- Consuming raw or undercooked poultry, meat, or eggs
- Consuming unpasteurized milk or dairy products
- Sharing unverified information or rumours

What to Do

- Report sick or dead birds immediately to DoA: 916-7146
- Closely monitor children in outdoor spaces to prevent exposure to sick or dead birds and other wild animals
- Trust only official government sources for information
- Seek medical attention if you develop symptoms after direct exposure to sick or dead animals (fever, cough, red eyes, sore throat)
- Contact Public Health at 244-2889 if you have health concerns
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water
- Cook all poultry, meat, and eggs thoroughly to 70°C / 165°F
- Ensure meat juices run clear, not pink
- Use only pasteurised milk and dairy products
- If your pets show signs of illness after possible exposure, isolate them and contact your veterinarian

Contact Information:

Report Sick Birds: 916-7146 or 947-3090

Public Health: 244-2889 | 244-2621 | 244-2561

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REMEMBER

Human transmission is rare and generally limited to direct contact with infected animals, including their droppings.