

PREPARING FOR HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) IN GEORGIA

HOW HPAI CAN SPREAD TO HUMANS

The risk to humans **is low**, however **it can infect people**. HPAI is **not a food safety risk**.



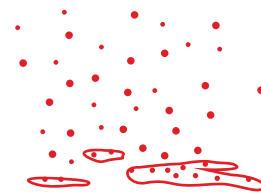
Direct contact
with infected birds

OR



Contact with birds
that have died
from avian influenza

OR



Contact with bird
droppings or litter
from infected birds

PRACTICE GOOD BIOSECURITY

If HPAI is identified in birds that you work with, **do not handle the birds, droppings, or litter from infected birds** without appropriate personal protective equipment.



Fitted safety
goggles



Disposable
gloves



NIOSH-certified
(respirator) / N95



Boots



Disposable,
fluid-resistant
coveralls

WHAT DPH RECOMMENDS

All Georgians over the age of 6 months should receive a **seasonal influenza vaccine** to reduce risk of co-infection with human and avian influenza A viruses.

WHEN TO CALL DPH

If you have **contact with birds that may be infected with HPAI + experience any symptoms**, please call **866-PUB-HLTH (866-782-4584)** or visit **dph.georgia.gov/avian-influenza** for more information.

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WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I WORK WITH BIRDS?



Get your annual flu shot.

The flu shot does not prevent avian influenza, but can protect you against seasonal flu.



If you work with an infected flock,

you should monitor your health for 10 days after the last day you came in contact with sick birds.



Public Health will work with you or someone

at your facility to provide instructions on how to monitor your health and how to get tested for influenza if you develop symptoms.



If you have been around birds infected with HPAI and you experience any symptoms in the list to the right, you should call Public Health immediately so we can help get you tested. You can reach us 24 hours a day at **866-PUB-HLTH (782-4584)**.



If you are sick and feel that you need to seek immediate medical treatment, please let your doctor or healthcare provider know that you are experiencing illness after working with birds with avian influenza. Call Public Health or ask your doctor to call us.

Signs and Symptoms

- Fever ($\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$ [38°C])
- Chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Sneezing
- Shortness of breath
- Eye irritation
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Rash
- Headaches

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