H5N1: BIRD FLU

INFORMATION FOR WORKERS

WHAT IS BIRD FLU?

- Avian Influenza (H5N1), also called bird flu, is a type of virus that is spread by domestic and wild birds.
- Bird flu does infect animals, including poultry, cattle and other animals. It can also be spread to humans.
- People who work with birds or other animals, including farmworkers, livestock owners, hunters, and sanctuary workers, are at greater risk.

PREVENTION PRACTICES

- Avoid unprotected exposure to sick or dead animals.
- Wash hands right away after touching birds or other animals.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose, or mouth after contact with birds or other animals.
- Use personal protective equipment (PPE) when in contact with sick or dead animals.
- Monitor yourself for 10 days after exposure to infected birds or animals or areas contaminated by infected birds or other animals.



SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS



COUGH/SORE THROAT



EYE TEARING, REDNESS, OR IRRITATION



MUSCLE/BODY ACHE



FEVER



STUFFY/RUNNY NOSE



DIFFICULTY BREATHING



DIARRHEA



HEADACHE



LOCAL HEALTH
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DIRECTORY



IF YOU THINK YOU MAY HAVE BIRD FLU OR ARE HAVING SYMPTOMS, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.



