



H5N1 FAQs for Alaska

Dead Wildlife

What do I do if I find sick or dead wildlife?

- If you find a sick or dead wild bird or have concerns about migratory birds, call the Alaska Sick or Dead Bird Hotline at **866-527-3358**.
- Avoid handling any sick birds or birds that are found dead. If you need to handle a dead bird, use disposable gloves or a plastic bag. Double bag the carcass and dispose of it in regular trash.
- To report observations and concerns about migratory birds, email ak_mbm@fws.gov or call **1-866-527-3358**.
- To report illness or death in a backyard flock, contact your local veterinarian or the Office of the State Veterinarian at **907-375-8215**. Do not attempt to care for these animals on your own.
- To report sick or dead wild terrestrial mammals, contact your local Alaska Department of Fish and Game office or call the Wildlife Health and Disease Surveillance Veterinarian at **1-907-459-7257**.
- To report a sick marine mammal, call the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Alaska Stranding Hotline at **1-877-925-7773** (24 hrs).
- Do not touch sick or dead birds without wearing gloves, mask, and protective eye wear.
- Keep pets away from all sick wild animals.
- Do not consume any animal found dead.
- For human health concerns after contact with dead wildlife, contact your healthcare provider and let them know which type of animals you were exposed to and whether they had signs of an infection.