

# Avian Influenza “Bird Flu” Visitor Advisory

The United States is currently experiencing a widespread outbreak of **highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI)** affecting wild birds. While the disease primarily impacts birds – including species such as Canada geese – it can occasionally affect mammals, including humans. The current public health risk remains **low**.



## If You See a Sick or Dead Bird

- **Keep a safe distance**
- **Do NOT touch or attempt to move the bird**
- MetroParks personnel will safely remove and dispose of carcasses and report cases to state wildlife officials

**To prevent duplicate reports, visitors are asked not to report individual dead birds found in the MetroParks to the Division of Wildlife or other agency officials. Please direct any reports to the MetroParks’ Natural Resources Manager: [rsobnosky@millcreekmetroparks.org](mailto:rsobnosky@millcreekmetroparks.org)**

## Important Information

Wildlife rehabilitation facilities are **not accepting birds suspected of avian influenza**. In these situations, it is unfortunately necessary to allow the disease to run its natural course.

## Learn More

For current updates and reliable information, please visit:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

**Thank you for helping keep our parks safe for visitors and wildlife.**