

# Bird Flu Guidance:

## How to Report Sick or Dead Birds

There is an outbreak of bird flu in the U.S. affecting wild birds. People who have close contact with wild birds or other animals with bird flu can sometimes become sick.

**Avoid touching sick, injured, or dead birds or animals, and monitor children and pets when outdoors and keep them away from birds and other wildlife.**

### Who should I call if I find a sick or dead wild bird?

**Pennsylvania Game Commission**

 1-833-PGC-WILD (742-9453)

 [pgc-wildlifehealth@pa.gov](mailto:pgc-wildlifehealth@pa.gov)

**If the Game Commission hasn't responded to a report about a dead bird within 24 hours, adults can follow these steps to remove the bird safely.**

#### 1. Before handling a dead bird

- Put on either disposable or washable gloves. If you don't have gloves, you can use a plastic bag in place of a glove to hold the animal. Don't touch the animal with your bare hands.
- Wear a mask if you have one. An N95 or KN95 is best, but a regular face mask also works.

#### 2. While handling dead bird

- An old blanket/sheet that you don't mind throwing away can be used to help move and dispose of the bird.
- If burying: make the hole at least 2 feet deep. Don't bury the animal where it could contaminate a water supply.
- If placing in the trash: double bag the animal, along with any gloves you used.

#### 3. After handling dead bird

- Wash your hands and any non-disposable gloves that you used.
- Wash your clothes or keep them in a plastic bag until they can be washed.

