

# Avian Influenza: Update (12-May-2022)

## - Bering Strait region -

Avian influenza has been confirmed in Alaska both in bald eagles (Unalaska) and Canada Geese (Anchorage). There was a recent report of 5-6 dead swans east of Nome (between Bluff / Golovin). Spring migration is underway and avian influenza is highly contagious among birds. In Nome, UAF Alaska Sea Grant and Kawerak Inc. ask for your help in reporting *any* dead or sick birds (ex. Staggering, approachable, clear liquid discharge from mouth, etc.).



## PLEASE REPORT DEAD BIRDS

## REPORT 'EM - DON'T TOUCH 'EM!

If you find any sick or dead birds, take photos/video and call:

- **USFWS Sick & Dead Bird Hotline: 1-866-527-3358**

## SAFE HANDLING

While the risk of human infections with avian influenza viruses is low, be cautious when handling wild birds

- Utilize your traditional knowledge
- Keep your hunting and processing equipment clean
- Clean and pluck your catch outside or in a well ventilated area
- Do not harvest/handle sick birds or birds found dead
- Do not eat, drink, or smoke when processing birds
- Wear rubber gloves and wash your hands in warm soapy water
- Thoroughly cook meat and eggs

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Take photos or video using your cell phone and call in what you saw!
- **Report date, location or GPS coordinates, species, number of birds.**