



Avian Influenza (Bird Flu)

[Avian influenza](#) refers to the disease caused by infection with avian influenza (bird flu) Type A viruses. These viruses are found in wild aquatic birds worldwide and can infect domestic poultry and other bird and animal species.

Although avian influenza A viruses usually do not infect humans, rare cases of human infection with these viruses have been reported.

Most human infections have occurred following direct or close contact with infected poultry. Illness in humans has ranged from mild flu like symptoms to severe respiratory illness. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid direct or close contact with infected poultry.

