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“Highly pathogenic avian influenza has been confirmed in the Mat-Su Valley in a backyard flock of chickens and ducks. Please notify our office if you hear of any illnesses or mortalities in backyard flocks, and we can make arrangements for sampling and/or necropsies.

Please see the press release from the Office of the State Veterinarian. <https://dec.alaska.gov/commish/press-releases/22-03-avian-flu-confirmed-in-alaska/>

HPAI can be spread from wild waterfowl and shorebirds to domestic poultry. It is transmitted directly from bird- to- bird and indirectly through feces and infected environment or bodies of water.

Poultry owners should cover runs, and use clean footwear and clothing when handling their birds or entering the coop.

Here are a few links to other resources. USDA current cases:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-2022;>

Biosecurity: [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/defend-the-flock-program/df-biosecurity!/ut/p/z1/IJNb4JAEIbv\\_RX24BFnlg8XegNKAGtt6zd7aUAWJEEwaCX213e1pkk\\_UDuH3cnmeXdm3l1gN63WjQiYi0Skp6VpB1aEuywNt1IzhDnMIWdDv1-WbUJU0nd7ho4vtoLa8NIVRoTC7Aj0n1SbWCMUu2Oh6Qzpo-P4MhIF2P\\_0U68r9OPJeKATyzfk6\\_TYECZepz8DsPPXTyGwIFCSvUIT6F2sZn-xijja7CgYENTF\\_SBw7gmanuE\\_eLSL6MonoMne4SXg4P8P4LfBIOYUU6V5GX3-BrOIFF10X\\_GEV7zqvFXieLndrjd3bWxjXdedtCzTnHcW5aqNf0mW5WYL8-8kBOIdaKN1ngazXcZrmBRltRKdjA5trxdZDEESGVRLYirFka5KKuVEcjmJpDDWE4UYeshpAh7CeJURUWi54We-xKK98m4NJPP2A1ePPWA!/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/?urile=wcm%3Apath%3A%2Faphis\\_content\\_library%2Fsa\\_our\\_focus%2Fsa\\_animal\\_health%2Fsa\\_animal\\_disease\\_information%2Favian%2Fdefend-the-flock-program%2Fdtf-biosecurity](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/defend-the-flock-program/df-biosecurity!/ut/p/z1/IJNb4JAEIbv_RX24BFnlg8XegNKAGtt6zd7aUAWJEEwaCX213e1pkk_UDuH3cnmeXdm3l1gN63WjQiYi0Skp6VpB1aEuywNt1IzhDnMIWdDv1-WbUJU0nd7ho4vtoLa8NIVRoTC7Aj0n1SbWCMUu2Oh6Qzpo-P4MhIF2P_0U68r9OPJeKATyzfk6_TYECZepz8DsPPXTyGwIFCSvUIT6F2sZn-xijja7CgYENTF_SBw7gmanuE_eLSL6MonoMne4SXg4P8P4LfBIOYUU6V5GX3-BrOIFF10X_GEV7zqvFXieLndrjd3bWxjXdedtCzTnHcW5aqNf0mW5WYL8-8kBOIdaKN1ngazXcZrmBRltRKdjA5trxdZDEESGVRLYirFka5KKuVEcjmJpDDWE4UYeshpAh7CeJURUWi54We-xKK98m4NJPP2A1ePPWA!/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/?urile=wcm%3Apath%3A%2Faphis_content_library%2Fsa_our_focus%2Fsa_animal_health%2Fsa_animal_disease_information%2Favian%2Fdefend-the-flock-program%2Fdtf-biosecurity)

Thank you,  
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