OSHA Avian Flu Animal Handlers QuickCard



Quick card on the signs of Avian Flu illness in birds as well as Avian Flu symptoms in humans and basic control measures for non poultry employees.

Avian Flu Animal Handlers (Not Poultry Employees)

Avian flu is a viral disease and it can be very contagious and even deadly in poultry (e.g., chickens). Of great concern are the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N1 viruses that have killed millions of birds and infected humans in other countries. If these viruses are found in the U.S., take appropriate precautions. If birds or other animals (e.g., cats, civets, ferrets, pigs, dogs, and stone martens can become infected) are suspected of being HPAI H5N1-infected, immediately notify Federal or state animal health officials.

Signs of Avian Flu Illness in Birds

Sudden death, lack of energy, appetite and coordination, purple discoloration and/or...