



Hunters should follow routine precautions when handling game, including wild birds. The U.S. Geological Survey's National Wildlife Health Center recommends that hunters:

- Do not handle or eat sick game.
- Wear rubber or disposable latex gloves while handling and cleaning game, wash hands with soap and water (or with alcohol-based hand products if the hands are not visibly soiled), and thoroughly clean knives, equipment, and surfaces that come in contact with game.
- Do not eat, drink, or smoke while handling animals.
- Disinfect tools, gloves, and materials that come into contact with killed birds preferably with a dilute bleach solution or with hot soapy water.
- Place uncooked game in a plastic bag or container for transport.
- Cook all game thoroughly---cooking to 165 degrees Fahrenheit kills viruses.
- Don't bring disease home to your backyard birds. After contact with waterfowl, shower, and change your clothing before contact with any poultry.

www.fws.gov/safety/pdf/AI_factsheet.pdf

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<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/birdbiosecurity/>