

Attention: Important Information about Avian Influenza (Bird Flu)

Avian influenza is a highly contagious viral disease that primarily affects chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, and wild birds. The disease is notifiable by law. An outbreak can have serious consequences for agricultural operations. In Austria, no human cases of bird flu have ever been detected. However, in principle, infection is possible through close contact with infected poultry or other infected animal species.

Transmission: The virus spreads through direct contact between infected animals or via contaminated surfaces, clothing, feed, and feces (e.g., via shoes). Wild and water birds pose a significant risk due to their droppings.

If you work on the farm, please follow these measures to help prevent the spread of avian influenza:

- **Wear dedicated clothing and shoes only for the barn.**
 - Use disposable clothing or clothing and shoes provided by the farm.
 - If this is not possible, use separate clothing and boots for each farm.
 - Wash your hands thoroughly before and after entering the barn.
 - Each barn has separate equipment that must only be used in that barn.
 - Wear gloves when removing carcasses.
- **No direct contact with poultry from other farms or wild birds.**
 - Do not visit multiple poultry farms in one day, or shower between visits.
- **Cleaning and disinfection of work equipment**
 - After finishing work, clean and disinfect your clothing, shoes, and equipment thoroughly.
 - Make sure no dirt remains on your boots. The virus can easily be carried into other farms this way.
- **Do not touch dead wild birds.**
 - Inform your employer if you find dead wild poultry on the premises.

I confirm that I have read and understood the above information.

Date, Signature