DEADLY VIRUS ALERT

A dangerous new strain of bird flu that can infect and kill poultry very quickly is being transmitted via wild migratory water birds. This virus is currently infecting flocks in the Pacific Northwest.

No human cases of these avian influenza viruses have been detected in the United States, Canada, or internationally, and there continues to be no public health concern.

1. Minimize your flock’s access to areas that ducks, geese, and other wild birds may visit.
2. Watch for signs of illness in your birds; quarantine and report sick birds immediately.
3. Disinfect and clean areas and items potentially exposed to the virus.

IMMEDIATELY REPORT SICK BIRDS TO THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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