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NATIONAL LAB CONFIRMS AVIAN FLU IN PLYMOUTH

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PLYMOUTH, MA – On Monday, February 24th, the Town of Plymouth received confirmation from the national lab that avian flu is present in the community. Six of the nine samples submitted tested positive for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). In collaboration with state officials, the Town of Plymouth remains committed to removing deceased birds and wildlife from the community. As part of these ongoing efforts, Town officials removed 21 birds from Long Beach on Friday afternoon, February 21st.

Town and state officials continue to advise the community of personal protective measures that include but are not limited to:

- Keeping all domestic animals away from any deceased birds/wildlife and to avoid contacting deceased wildlife themselves.
- Removal of deceased birds or other wildlife should be left to Town and state officials.
- All backyard poultry should be corralled for the foreseeable future and **not** let to roam free range.
- Residents who have poultry should always use protective gear when dealing with their flock (feeding, shoveling feces, etc.) and should wash their hands well with soap and warm water after handling.

If you discover a deceased animal, either domestic or wild, residents should report to the Town's Health and Human Services Public Health Division by calling **508-322-3339** and to the Animal Control Office by calling **508-888-1186**.

You can also **report deceased birds via SeeClickFix**, the Town's community-driven tool that allows residents to report quality of life concerns in a multitude of categories. To report a deceased bird via SeeClickFix, please follow <https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/938/Report-A-Concern>.

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