



AVIAN INFLUENZA/BIRD FLU SAFETY INFORMATION

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), or bird flu, has been detected in wild birds in New Zealand. It is a contagious disease that causes severe illness and high mortality rates in birds and some marine mammals. The virus is spread through infected animals' secretions (saliva, guano/scat, etc.), which can contaminate footwear, hands, and equipment.

THE RISK TO HUMAN HEALTH IS VERY LOW.

HOWEVER:

Pōhātu is home to one of the **largest kororā (little penguin) colonies** in New Zealand and many other vulnerable bird and marine mammal species. An outbreak could spread rapidly.

Thank you for helping us protect Pōhātu's wildlife.



Clean your footwear and gear

Disinfect before and after visiting the colony.



Always follow guide instructions

This is for wildlife and personal safety.



Stay on the path

Remain on the track at all times and follow your guide.



Don't sit on / touch the ground

This includes backpacks, clothing, and you.



Sanitise hands

Especially before eating or touching your face, phone, or camera.



Tell us if you've been near birds

Have you visited a wildlife area recently? Let your guide know!



These measures are precautionary to prevent the spread of HPAI.

Questions? Just ask your guide.



If you see a sick or dead bird/marine mammal in New Zealand:

Do not approach, touch, or move wildlife.

Note what you see, when, and where. Take photos/videos.

Report to DOC @ 0800 362 468 or

(3+ animals) MPI @ [report.mpi.govt.nz](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/report-mpi), 0800 80 99 66.

