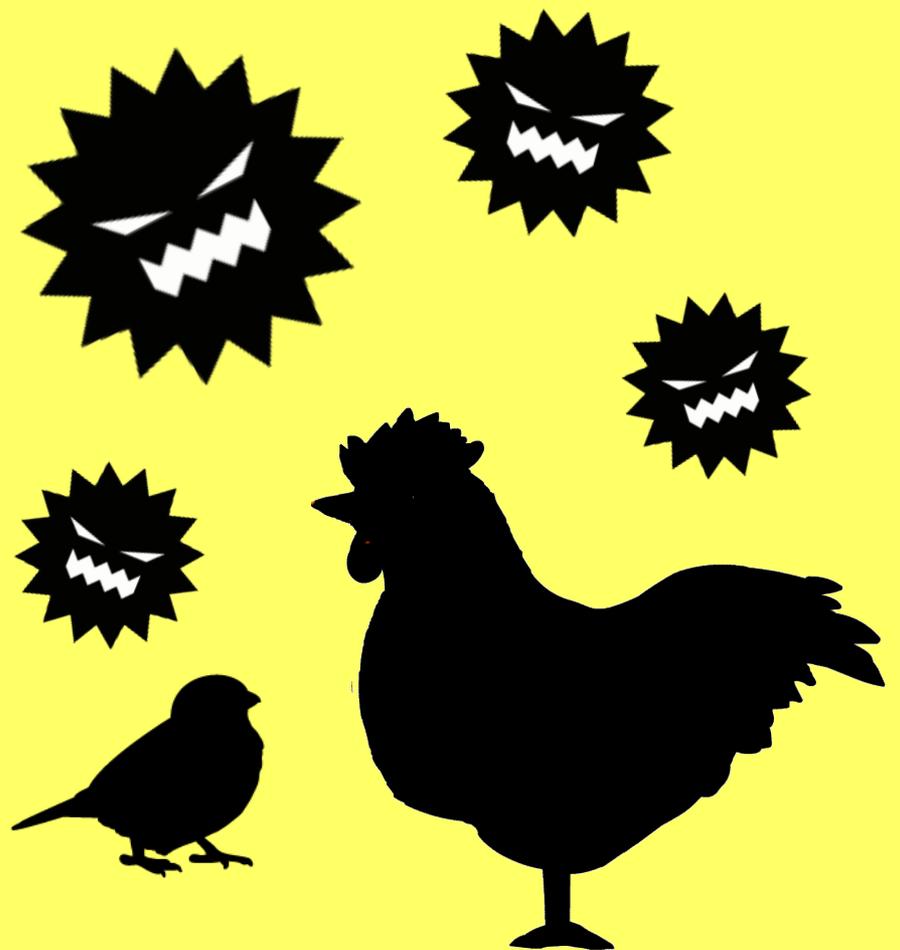


# ***WARNING: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus***

- ◆ **Avoid contact with wild birds. If you have contact with a wild bird, wash your hands thoroughly and use antiseptic gargle afterwards.**
- ◆ **If you find a dead wild bird, do not touch it.**
- ◆ **If you own birds or other animals, do not allow them to have contact with wild birds.**

A highly pathogenic strain of avian influenza has been detected throughout Japan this year. The pathogenic properties of the virus were confirmed following an autopsy on the body of a goose that died in Tome, a city near Sendai in Miyagi Prefecture.

Except for those who have close contact with birds, it is uncommon for avian influenza to spread to humans. However, please observe the above precautions just to be safe.



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