



Veterinary Health Center

MANHATTAN, KANSAS

High Pathogenic Avian Influenza Statement

High Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) is a highly contagious disease, caused by a virus. This virus primarily affects a wide range of bird species, but has recently been reported to impact certain mammalian species. According to the [CDC](#), this has also been confirmed in humans.

Due to the resurgence of HPAI cases nationwide and in several counties within our state, we regret to inform you that we are unable to accept poultry species or wild birds for treatment currently. This precaution is necessary to protect our patients, including other avian and mammalian species, as well as our staff, from potential exposure.

Poultry owners

- For poultry owners, we recommend visiting the [KDA Division of Animal Health webpage](#) for resources on enhancing biosecurity measures to safeguard your flock and to contact them if your bird is showing any [clinical signs](#) of avian influenza.
- Poultry species include: chickens, turkeys, quail, pheasants, and waterfowl.

Wild birds:

- If you find an injured wild bird, please contact the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks at 620-672-5911. Be sure to have the exact location, species, and description of the problem ready to relay to the game warden.

Other birds:

- Client owned birds, such as parrots and canaries, that live indoors will still continue to be seen by our veterinarians.

We will continue to analyze the situation and hope that we can see all species soon. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding as we prioritize the health and safety of everyone. Thank you for your cooperation during this time.