Dead Bird Submission Instructions

1. Dead <24 hrs; Carcass should be in good condition, no visible signs of decay, no odor.

2. Do not submit Starlings or Red-winged blackbirds. Only 'black' birds over 9” long will be tested (Grackles and Crows).

3. Use rubber gloves or place hand inside plastic bag to handle birds. Bags should be good quality, sealable (zip or ties) plastic bags, not grocery bags.

4. Chill carcasses immediately.

Contact your local health department for further instructions.

The decision to submit a bird is determined by virus activity and available funding and is at the discretion of the local health department environmentalist.