

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.