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OFFICIAL PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI – H5)

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Issued by: Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR)

In Coordination With: Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center, Umatilla County Health Department, and Oregon Department of Agriculture

NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS, RESIDENTS, AND THE PUBLIC

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), in coordination with **Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center**, is issuing this public health notice to inform the community of **recent Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI – H5)** activity in **Umatilla County**, including areas near the CTUIR Reservation.

Current Situation

CTUIR has received notification from the **Umatilla County Health Department** of an **additional backyard poultry outbreak of avian influenza (H5)** in the **Stanfield area**. This is the **second backyard poultry outbreak identified in Umatilla County within the past several weeks**.

At this time:

- The number of potential human exposures is **still being assessed**.
- Some individuals may be placed under **Public Health Monitoring (PUM)** for up to **10 days** as a precaution.
- **No human testing is anticipated at this time**, though this may change if conditions warrant.
- Both recent backyard poultry cases have occurred in the **northern portion of Umatilla County**.

Agency Coordination

The **Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)** will not issue a press release for this incident; however, once laboratory confirmation is completed by the **National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL)**, the outbreak will be posted on the ODA website.

The **Umatilla County Health Department**, in coordination with **Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center**, will release general avian influenza awareness information through social media. CTUIR will share this information to ensure broad community awareness.

Public Health Advisory

To reduce the risk of exposure and spread, the public is advised to:

- **Do not touch** sick, injured, or dead birds (wild or domestic).
- Avoid contact with bird droppings, feathers, or contaminated surfaces.
- Keep pets and livestock away from areas where birds congregate.
- Poultry owners should immediately implement **enhanced biosecurity measures**, including limiting access to birds and disinfecting footwear, tools, and equipment.

Human Health Information

Human infection with avian influenza is rare. Anyone experiencing **fever, cough, sore throat, respiratory symptoms, or body aches** following contact with birds or poultry should seek medical attention promptly and inform their healthcare provider of possible exposure.

Protection of Tribal Health and Resources

This notice is issued to protect **tribal members' health, first foods, treaty-reserved rights, livestock, wildlife, and natural resources**. CTUIR will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as information becomes available.

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