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Avian Flu - Campus Precautions Recommendations for Cleaning Waterfowl

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities recognize that fall hunting season in Minnesota is a fun filled experience for many Minnesota residents. Hunting provides an enjoyable break from the routine of classes for many of our students.

You have heard the concerns regarding the Avian Flu. Even though its threat is different than a Pandemic Flu, it is still a concern that requires awareness and planning.

The Avian Flu threat is real. We hope it never comes to Minnesota. However, recognizing that it could, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is giving out Avian Flu precautions with every hunting license.

Historically, many student hunters have used campus facilities for cleaning birds, thus making campuses a prime location for the transmission of Avian Flu should infected waterfowl be present. For that reason, each college and university that allows cleaning of birds on campus must designate a specific location for cleaning to occur. For metro-area campuses this may not be a great concern; however, for campuses in greater Minnesota, particularly those with residence halls and a history of student hunters, the need for a designated site should be carefully evaluated.

Consider the following for determining a suitable cleaning location:

- A location not in the flow of everyday campus traffic
- Surfaces that are easy to disinfect
- Readily available water supply

We recommend the following be provided at or near the site:

- Disposable gloves
- Disposable towels
- Sealable baggies
- Dishwashing and hand soap
- Containers (bucket or pan) for washing
- Lined garbage can
- Surface disinfectant (10% bleach solution is recommended)
- Signage notifying users:
 - That hunters are using these facilities at their own risk and the college/university cannot be responsible for any problems associated with their use of the facilities
 - About avian flu and the related issues (such as the attached notice)
 - The college/university reserves the right to change these guidelines