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UPDATES AND CURRENT REMOVAL TOTALS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025

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PLYMOUTH, MA – The Town of Plymouth continues to regularly meet with state officials and will provide weekly community updates, unless urgent circumstances require earlier communication. As of today, February 4, 2025, we are still awaiting test results, as there is only one lab in the United States authorized to officially confirm a “positive” case. Once the Town receives these results, we will inform residents through a press release.

Earlier today, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) was onsite at Long Beach and removed 30 deceased birds from both the bay and ocean sides. According to the state, many of the deaths were likely due to natural mortality caused by factors such as cold weather and food supply issues. MassWildlife also returned to Billington Sea and removed five additional birds.

According to Dr. Catherine Brown, State Epidemiologist and Public Health Veterinarian at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, geese and swans are the most affected by bird flu, though all wild and domestic birds, as well as some small mammals, are susceptible. If you discover a deceased animal, either domestic or wild, residents should report to the Town’s Health and Human Services Public Health Division by calling 508-322-3339 and to the Animal Control Office by calling 508-888-1186.

You can also report deceased birds via SeeClickFix, the Town’s community-driven tool that allows residents to report quality of life concerns in a multitude of categories. To report a deceased bird via SeeClickFix, please follow <https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/938/Report-A-Concern>.

Below are current removal numbers of deceased wildlife since January 18, 2025:

Dates	State Removal
Total Between January 18 th and February 4 th	186

Dates	Number of Calls Received	Town of Plymouth Removal
Total Between January 18 th and February 4 th	327 calls	67 birds/wildlife

Town and state officials continue to advise the community of personal protective measures that include but are not limited to:

- Keeping all domestic animals away from any deceased birds/wildlife and to avoid contacting deceased wildlife themselves.
- Removal of deceased birds or other wildlife should be left to Town and state officials.
- All backyard poultry should be corralled for the foreseeable future and **not** let to roam free range.
- Residents who have poultry should always use protective gear when dealing with their flock (feeding, shoveling feces, etc.) and should wash their hands well with soap and warm water after handling.

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