

Don't play chicken with your health

Backyard poultry and other birds can contain germs such as *Salmonella*, and can spread illness to humans even if they appear healthy.



560
CASES OF
SALMONELLOSIS AND
CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS
IN MONTANA IN 2018

12%

of Montana cases had exposure to live poultry before their illness onset

70

Salmonella outbreaks linked to live poultry in the US since 2000

16%

of *Salmonella* specimens sent to the state laboratory were serotype Enteritidis, often linked to live poultry

79

hospitalizations in Montana in 2018 from infection with *Salmonella* or *Campylobacter*

To enjoy your live poultry safely, follow these simple prevention steps to stay healthy:

- Keep your birds outside of homes and schools
- Wash your hands with soap and water after touching live poultry or their environment
- Avoid kissing or snuggling your birds



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