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

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

**Don't play chicken with your health**

- *Salmonella* outbreaks linked to live poultry in the US since 2000
- 12% of Montana cases had exposure to live poultry before their illness onset
- 16% of *Salmonella* specimens sent to the state laboratory were serotype Enteritidis, often linked to live poultry
- 560 cases of *Salmonellosis* and Campylobacteriosis in Montana in 2018
- 70 outbreaks linked to live poultry in the US since 2000
- 79 hospitalizations in Montana in 2018 from infection with *Salmonella* or Campylobacter

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