



# Backyard Poultry: Don't 'Wing It' with Your Health

Backyard poultry like chickens and ducks can carry germs like *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter*. To continue enjoying the benefits your animals provide, practice smart and safe handling.



Of the 427 cases of *Campylobacter* and *Salmonella* in MT in 2019, **10% had contact to live poultry** before they got sick



There were **79 hospitalizations** in Montana residents in 2019 due to infection from *Salmonella* or *Campylobacter*



More than 1,000 cases of *Salmonella* in the United States were part of an outbreak linked to contact with live poultry in 2019

## Prevention



- Avoid kissing your birds and putting your hands near your mouth or eating food around the animals
- **Wash hands with soap and water after touching live poultry or their environment**
- Keep your birds outside of homes and classrooms
- Pick a pair of shoes to wear while caring for your animals and keep those shoes outside your home

