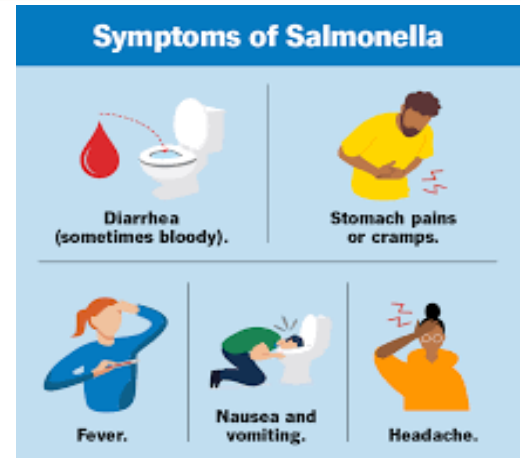


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About *Salmonella* Infection

- ***Salmonella*** is a group of bacteria that can cause diarrhea in humans. Most types of *Salmonella* cause an illness called salmonellosis.
- CDC estimates *Salmonella* bacteria cause about **1.35 million infections, 26,500 hospitalizations, and 420 deaths** in the United States every year.
- Salmonellosis causes diarrheal illness in people of all ages. Children under 5, adults 65 and older, and people with weakened immune system are at **most** risk.
- *Salmonella* infection is diagnosed when a laboratory test detects *Salmonella* bacteria in a person's stool (poop), body tissue, or fluids.
- *Salmonella* lives in the intestine of people and animals. Some sources of infection include;
 - Raw or undercooked meat and poultry and egg products
 - Unpasteurized milk and dairy products, and
 - Contact with infected animals, their feces, or their environments



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Backyard Poultry

- **Easter** comes this year on **March 31st**. Most easter activities like visiting a petting farm and easter egg hunts are popular but pose risk.
- Those little Easter chicks are cute but watch out! They can carry *Salmonella*!
 - Petting, holding, and kissing animals like chicken, duck, geese, etc. and their surroundings increases exposure rates.
 - **Don't put your hands in your mouth** after petting or playing with animals.
- In 2023, Nebraska saw an increased rate of human *Salmonella* infections, which was 4 times higher than the national rates from backyard poultry exposure.

Watch Me!



A NOTE ABOUT EASTER EGGS
Easter eggs should be hard-boiled before coloring. Do NOT eat them after hiding or playing with them. Bacteria and viruses picked up on the shells can be transferred to the edible part of the egg.

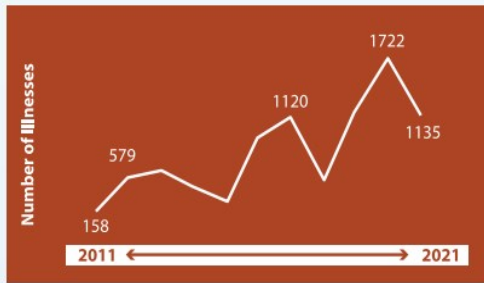
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DID YOU KNOW?

In the last 10 years **8,241** people have gotten sick, including **1,671** hospitalized, from contact with backyard poultry.



Salmonella illnesses due to contact with backyard poultry are increasing over time.



Remember, backyard poultry can carry germs that can make people sick even if they look clean and healthy. You can take these simple steps to prevent getting sick from *Salmonella*.



Wash hands after touching flock and flock supplies



Don't kiss or snuggle the birds



Keep flock and flock supplies outside the house

Learn more at www.cdc.gov/backyardpoultry
www.cdc.gov/healthypets/outbreaks/solving-outbreaks



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Call your Doctor immediately;

If you or your children are experiencing any of these symptoms;

- Diarrhea and a fever higher than 102°F
- Diarrhea that is not improving after 1 day
- Bloody stools
- Vomiting that lasts more than;
 - 12 hours for infants,
 - 1 day for children younger than 2 years or,
 - 2 days for other children
- Signs of dehydration, including not urinating in 3 or more hours, dry mouth or tongue, or crying without tears.

QUICK LINKS

- [WHO - Salmonella \(non-typhoidal\)](#)
- [Five Fast Facts on Salmonella](#)
- [Backyard Poultry - Safe Egg Handling](#)
- [CDC Salmonella - Fact Sheet](#)
- [Salmonella Outbreak](#)
- [Salmonella Infection - Pets](#)
- [Healthy Families | Backyard Poultry](#)



4 STEPS TO FOOD SAFETY

