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**MILLER PARK ZOO UPDATES BIRD EXHIBITS DUE TO
BIRD FLU FOUND IN MCLEAN COUNTY**

Zoo also set to open outdoor Katthoefer Animal Building exhibits

BLOOMINGTON, IL – In an effort to protect the avian population on site at Miller Park Zoo, staff have made the decision to move all bird species indoors or under cover to eliminate contact with wild birds on zoo grounds.

AVIAN INFLUENZA FOUND IN MCLEAN COUNTY

The highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), better known as bird flu, has been confirmed in McLean County. Based on veterinary recommendations, the Miller Park Zoo have begun the process of moving the bird species. The Tropical Rainforest will remain open at this time. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the recent HPAI detections in birds do not present an immediate public health concern.

“The Miller Park Zoo is committed to protecting the birds in our care,” said Jay Tetzloff, Zoo Superintendent, adding “staff will continue to work closely with experts to stay current and abreast of any new updates.”

KATTHOEFER ANIMAL BUILDING OPENS OUTDOOR EXHIBITS

Another update from the Zoo is that the four outdoor exhibits of the Katthoefer Animal Building will open on Wednesday, March 16th as COVID-19 positivity rates have significantly decreased in the area. The indoor and outdoor exhibits have been closed since early January due to COVID-19 concerns. The indoor exhibits will remain closed until at least April.

Masks are still recommended and encouraged around the mammal collection as many of them are COVID-19 susceptible.

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