



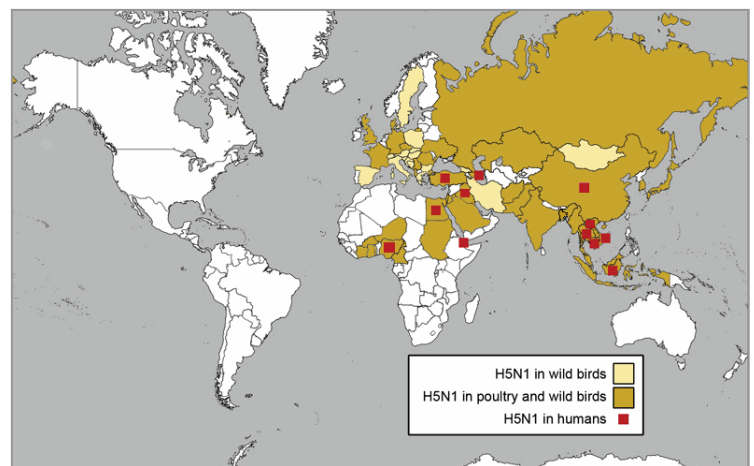
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- **CA hospital influenza law, effective July 1, 2007, requires all acute care hospital employees to be vaccinated annually for influenza or sign a declination.** For more info, see www.dhs.ca.gov/dcdc/izgroup/shared/hospital_influenza_law.htm. With the chaptering of Senate Bill (SB) 739, the California Health & Safety Code now also requires that acute care hospitals:
 - Offer annual onsite influenza vaccinations to all hospital employees at no cost to the employee;
 - Implement respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette protocols, influenza patient isolation procedures, and a seasonal influenza plan;
 - Have a disaster plan that addresses pandemic influenza.
- **Turkeys on a Virginia farm may have been exposed previously to H5N1.** Routine preslaughter testing at one Virginia farm revealed antibodies to H5N1 which have been confirmed by the USDA. The turkeys showed no sign of illness. So far, testing suggests that the antibodies correspond to the low-pathogenic Northern American strain of H5N1, not the highly pathogenic H5N1 strain currently causing outbreaks in birds in Asia, Europe, and Africa. Samples from other poultry operations near the farm have been negative. The positive test results do not indicate a health risk for the public.
- **Czech Republic and Togo report their first poultry outbreaks of highly-pathogenic H5N1.** For an up-to-date list of H5N1-affected countries, visit: www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/af/index.htm.
- **Air passengers arriving from H5N1-affected countries subject to health checks.** A number of countries have instituted health monitoring by various techniques, such as temperature screening, at ports of entry. Travelers should check with the embassy of their destination country. More info available at www.cdc.gov/travel/other/2007/passenger_checks_avian_flu.htm.
- **WHO timeline of major events in H5N1 updated.** Timeline covers 1996 – June 2007. See www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/timeline_07_07_2007.pdf.

Avian Influenza Update (as of July 11th)

- 318 human H5N1 cases have been confirmed in Azerbaijan (8), Cambodia (7), China (25), Djibouti (1), Egypt (37), Indonesia (102), Iraq (3), Lao People’s Democratic Republic (2), Nigeria (1), Thailand (25), Turkey (12), and Vietnam (95), and have resulted in 192 (60%) deaths. H5N1-infected birds have been reported in multiple areas in Asia, Africa and Europe. For an up-to-date list of H5N1-affected countries, please visit: <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/af/index.htm>.
- Please report immediately to OC Epidemiology at 714-834-8180 any patients with fever and respiratory symptoms with history of travel to H5N1-affected areas in the 10 days prior to symptom onset.

Nations with Confirmed H5N1 Avian Influenza Cases (as of July 2007)



Recommended Resources

OC: <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/flu/surveillance.htm>;
 CA: <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/VRDL/html/FLU/Fluintro.htm>;
 CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>; HHS: <http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>; General: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>;

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