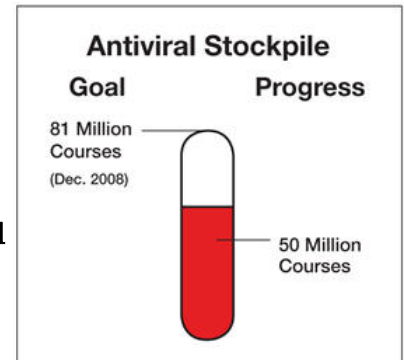




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- **HHS releases Pandemic Planning Update IV** with updates on monitoring and surveillance, vaccines and vaccine production capacity, antiviral drugs, state and local preparedness, and communications. Information about the status of national stockpiles of H5N1 vaccine and antivirals is included. For more info, see <http://www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/panflureport4.html>.



- **HHS allocates \$896.7 million to states for public health preparedness and emergency response efforts**, an increase from the \$766.4 million allocated in 2006. \$65.3 million has been allocated to California (not including LA County). \$175 million of the total national funds have been earmarked for pandemic influenza planning, a decrease from the \$325 million allocated in 2006. See <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2007pres/07/pr20070717c.html>.

- **Improving health system preparedness for terrorism and mass casualty events: Recommendations for action.** This report was developed through a series of leadership summits held by the American Medical Association (AMA) and the American Public Health Association (APHA), and serves as a national call for action from medicine, dentistry, nursing, emergency medical services, hospital systems and public health to strengthen health system preparedness, response and resilience to terrorism and other catastrophic events. Four main areas covered include funding, integration of services and systems, health professional training, and proficiency and legal protection for responders. For additional information, see [http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/415/final\\_summit\\_report.pdf](http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/415/final_summit_report.pdf).

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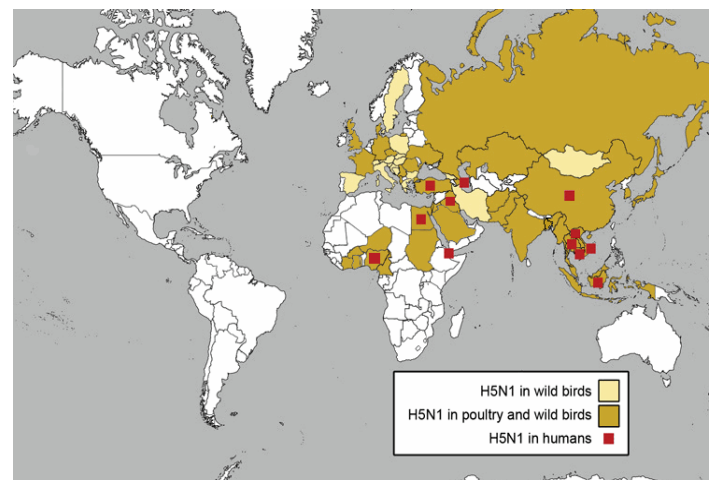
The Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) Health & Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (HEPPC) met again on 7/17/07. This forum for sharing best practices among community stakeholders meets quarterly and has subcommittees for pandemic planning, special populations, businesses, and more! For additional information or to receive the monthly HEPPC newsletter, contact Keith Olenlager at [kolenslager@ochca.com](mailto:kolenslager@ochca.com) or 714-560-6189.



### Avian Influenza Update (as of July 25<sup>th</sup>)

- 319 human H5N1 cases have been confirmed in Azerbaijan (8), Cambodia (7), China (25), Djibouti (1), Egypt (38), 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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