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Dear Doctor,

Avian Influenza H5N1 in Indonesia

Since Dec 2003, the World Health Organization (WHO) has reported a total of 114 human cases of H5N1 infection, including 91 cases (41 deaths) in Vietnam, 17 cases (12 deaths) in Thailand, 4 cases (4 deaths) in Cambodia and 2 cases (2 deaths) in Indonesia. The 2 confirmed cases in Indonesia took place in the recent 2 months, with the latest case confirmed on 16 Sept 2005. Avian influenza poultry outbreaks in Indonesia were last reported to the OIE in early August.

There was a media report yesterday (September 21) about a 5-year-old girl and a 2-year-old girl who were suspected to die from avian influenza, and another nine Indonesians were being treated as possible bird flu patients. In addition, some of these patients were reported to be related to an outbreak of bird flu in Ragunan Zoo, where 19 exotic birds were tested positive for avian influenza. The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) has been contacting the WHO and Indonesian authorities to verify this report. Official confirmation is pending.

If you come across patients presenting with pneumonia or influenza-like illness within 7 days returning from countries reporting recent cases of avian influenza (e.g., Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia), please enquire history of exposure to birds (e.g. visiting Ragunan zoo in Jakarta), as well as contact with persons suffering from influenza symptoms. Please also advise patients who are traveling: (a) to avoid visiting farms or bird parks; (b) to avoid contact with poultry/birds; (c) to wash hands thoroughly after contact with poultry/birds, and (d) to consult a doctor if they develop symptoms during or after traveling.



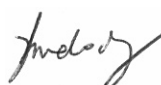
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Influenza A (H5), Influenza A (H7) and Influenza A (H9) are statutorily notifiable diseases in Hong Kong. Cases meeting the reporting criteria (Annex) should be reported to the Central Notification Office of CHP via fax (24772770), phone (24772772) or CENO On-line (www.chp.gov.hk/ceno). Please also refer patients meeting the reporting criteria to hospital for further clinical management and investigation.

Please browse our Avian Influenza Report (AIR) at the following link (<http://www.chp.gov.hk/epidemiology.asp?lang=en&id=332&pid=134&ppid=29>) for more information.

Yours sincerely,



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Criteria for reporting

(a) Person with acute respiratory illness, characterized by fever (temperature $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$) and cough and/or sore throat, **AND EITHER**

- contact with a case of Influenza A (H5), Influenza A (H7) or Influenza A (H9) during the infectious period, **OR**
- recent (less than 1 week) visit to a poultry farm/zoo in an area known to have outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), **OR**
- worked in a laboratory that is processing samples from persons or animals that are suspected from HPAI infection

OR

(b) Person with severe pneumonia caused by Influenza A (e.g. Directigen test positive for Influenza A) **AND** had contact with live birds / poultry within 1 week before onset of illness

OR

(c) Death from an unexplained acute respiratory illness **AND EITHER**

- residing in area where HPAI is suspected or confirmed, **OR**
- contact with a case of Influenza A (H5), Influenza A (H7) or Influenza A (H9) during the infectious period