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Dear Doctor,

### **Be Vigilant to H5N1 Infection in Human**

Today, the Government declares all retail markets and fresh provision shops selling live poultry as infected places as more environmental specimens taken from some of these markets confirmed to be H5N1 positive.

The Government has activated the **Serious Response Level** with reference to the Government's Preparedness Plan for Influenza Pandemic on 7 June, 2008.

Among other measures, DH will enhance surveillance to detect any suspected human cases. Please pay special attention to those who have direct contact with live poultry recently. I attach again (Annex) the **Reporting Criteria for Human Influenza A(H5N1)** for your reference. Please report any suspected cases to the Central Notification Office (CENO) of CHP via fax (24772770), phone (24772772) or CENO On-line ([www.chp.gov.hk/ceno](http://www.chp.gov.hk/ceno)). For reporting outside office hours, please contact Medical Control Officer (MCO) of DH at Pager: 7116 3300 call 9179. Please also refer patients fulfilling the reporting criteria to public hospitals for further clinical management. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



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## **Reporting criteria for Human Influenza A (H5N1) infection**

An individual fulfilling both the *Clinical Criteria* AND *Epidemiological Criteria* should be reported for further investigation.

### **Clinical Criteria**

A person with acute respiratory illness, characterized by fever (temperature  $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) AND one or more of the following:

- cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, and difficulty breathing; **OR**
- person with severe pneumonia; **OR**
- person died of unexplained acute respiratory illness.

### **Epidemiological Criteria**

One or more of the following exposures in the 7 days prior to symptom onset:

- contact with a human case of influenza A (H5N1); **OR**
- contact with poultry or wild birds or their remains or to environments contaminated by their faeces in countries/areas with documented avian influenza H5N1 infection in birds and/or humans in the recent 6 months<sup>see</sup> List of affected areas ; **OR**
- consumption of raw or undercooked poultry products in countries/areas with documented avian influenza H5N1 infection in poultry and/or humans in the recent 6 months<sup>see List of affected areas</sup> ; **OR**
- close contact with a confirmed H5N1 infected animal other than poultry or wild birds; **OR**
- worked in a laboratory that is processing samples from persons or animals that are suspected from avian influenza infection