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Dear Doctor,

Revision of Reporting Criteria for Influenza A (H5, H7, H9)

In view of the recent incidents of influenza H5N1 detected in wild bird carcasses, we have revised the reporting criteria for Influenza A (H5, H7 and H9) to include also recent exposure history to diseased wild bird and its carcass as a possible risk factor. The revised reporting criteria is in effect today (*Annex*).

You are kindly reminded to report any suspected case of human avian influenza 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 public 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 the latest information.

Yours sincerely,

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Criteria for reporting

(revised on 2 February 2006)

(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 human 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 bird farm/zoo in an area known to have outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), **OR**
- recent (less than 1 week) contact with diseased poultry or wild bird, or their carcasses, **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 or diseased bird, or their carcasses 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 human case of Influenza A (H5), Influenza A (H7) or Influenza A (H9) during the infectious period