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Dear Doctor,

**Suspected H5N1 Infection in Shenzhen and
Enhanced Pneumonia Surveillance program in Hospitals**

I would like to draw your attention to the suspected case of H5N1 infection in Guangdong Province announced on 13 June 2006. As notified by the Ministry of Health of the People's Republic of China, the patient was a 31-year-old man who lived in Shenzhen. He developed fever and pneumonia on 3 June and remained in critical condition.

In view of the latest development, the Government has put in place the following measures to safeguard the health of public:

- a) An expert team was deployed to Shenzhen for exchanging views and sharing information on investigation findings;
- b) Temperature screening and dissemination of health messages at immigration control points will be continued. The Port Health Office will inform the travel industry about the situation. Updated information is available at Port Health Office's website (www.travelhealth.gov.hk); and,
- c) Setting up an Enhanced Pneumonia Surveillance program to increase the sensitivity in detecting human avian influenza infection among pneumonia patients admitted to public and private hospitals. (Please enquire your affiliated hospitals for details if relevant.)



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Please be reminded that the reporting criteria of Influenza A (H5, H7, and H9) remain unchanged (*Appendix*). Any suspected case should be reported to the Central Notification Office of the CHP via fax (24772770), phone (24772772) or CENO On-line (www.chp.gov.hk/ceno). Please also refer patients fulfilling the reporting criteria to public hospital for further clinical management

The latest information on avian influenza will be uploaded to the CHP website (www.chp.gov.hk). Please kindly visit our website regularly for updated information.

Yours faithfully,



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Reporting Criteria for Human Influenza A (H5, H7, or H9) infection

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

Clinical Criteria

- person with acute respiratory illness, characterized by fever (temperature >38°C) and cough and/or sore throat, **OR**
- person with severe pneumonia, **OR**
- person died of unexplained acute respiratory illness

Epidemiological Criteria

- recent (less than 1 week) contact with a human case of Influenza A (H5), Influenza A (H7) or Influenza A (H9), **OR**
- recent (less than 1 week) contact with diseased poultry, diseased wild bird, or their carcasses in a country / area with documented avian influenza H5 infection in birds in recent 6 months*, **OR**
- recent (less than 1 week) contact with diseased poultry, diseased wild bird, or their carcasses in a country / area with documented indigenous human case of Influenza A (H5), Influenza A (H7) or Influenza A (H9) in recent 6 months*, **OR**
- worked in a laboratory that is processing samples from persons or animals that are suspected from avian influenza infection

** The list of country / area with documented avian influenza H5 infection in birds (including poultry and wild birds) and indigenous human case of Influenza A (H5), Influenza A (H7) or Influenza A (H9) in recent 6 months will be regularly updated and posted on CHP website.*