



UPDATE ON AVIAN INFLUENZA A (H7N9) IN CHINA 7 DECEMBER 2013

Affected places:

Nine (9) Provinces: Anhui, Fujian, Guangdong, Henan, Hunan, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Shandong and Zhejiang.

Two (2) Municipalities: Beijing and Shanghai.

Hong Kong SAR.

Number of cases:

On 6 December 2013, both the National Health and Family Planning Commission of China and Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of Hong Kong SAR, notified WHO of two (2) newly detected laboratory-confirmed case of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus, one case from Zhejiang Province and one case from Hong Kong SAR China.

To date, there are a total of **143** laboratory confirmed human cases with avian influenza A (H7N9) virus including **47** fatalities in China. This total number of cases includes one case reported from the Taipei CDC and the two cases reported from Hong Kong CHP. Currently, **6** patients are hospitalized and **90** have been discharged.

WHO does not advise special screening at points of entry with regard to this event, nor does it recommend that any travel or trade restrictions be applied.

Symptoms:

Symptoms include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus has resulted in severe respiratory illness.

Source and Mode of Transmission Avian Influenza A (H7N9):

Both the source of infection and the mode of transmission are uncertain. The Chinese health authorities are still investigating and heightened disease surveillance. So far, there is no evidence of ongoing human-to-human transmission.

Vaccine for Avian Influenza A (H7N9) virus:

No vaccine for the prevention of avian influenza A (H7N9) virus infections is currently available. The virus H7N9 is susceptible to Neuraminidase Inhibitors (OSELTAMIVIR & ZANAMIVIR).

Travel advice to China and Taiwan:

There is no recommendation against travel to China, Hong Kong and Taiwan at this time by WHO.

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