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Avian (H5N1) & Pandemic Influenza Update

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Summary:

There have been 17 cases and six deaths reported thus far for 2009. Affected areas in 2009 have been China (Hunan, Guizhou, Shandong, and Shanxi Provinces and Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region – these include areas in NW, NE, north central, and south central China) (7 cases and 4 deaths), Viet Nam (2 cases and 2 deaths), and Egypt (8 cases and 0 deaths).

At this time there is no evidence that the virus has mutated and become capable of efficient person-to-person transmission.

There have been increasing reports of domestic poultry stocks that have been diagnosed with H5N1. These reports have come from Cambodia, Nepal, Vietnam, Korea, Bangladesh, Laos, and China.

The majority of human cases have occurred in areas where ill poultry have been identified.

US report:

U.S. Health and Human Services has released two interim guidance documents. One provides information on cargo trucking management and one on how to clean transit vehicles and facilities. These documents can be found at:

<http://pandemicflu.gov/>.

Current World Health Organization (WHO) Phase of Pandemic Alert:

Pandemic Alert Phase 3 (A new influenza virus subtype is causing disease in humans, but is not yet spreading efficiently and sustainably among humans.)

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