

Human infection with Avian Influenza A(H7N9) in China

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During the period 5 July to 11 July 2014, there was **1 new case** of human infection with Avian Influenza A (H7N9) virus reported from mainland China in the Western Pacific Region.

The case is a 55-year-old male from Yongzhou City who had a history of exposure to poultry. Onset of symptoms occurred on 21 June and the patient was admitted to hospital on 28 June. As of 28 June, he was reported to be in a severe condition.

To date, there has been no evidence of sustained human-to-human transmission of influenza A(H7N9). It is expected that there may be further sporadic cases of human infection with the virus in affected and possibly neighbouring areas. Affected provinces and municipalities continue to maintain surveillance and response activities.

WHO does not advise special screening at points of entry with regard to this event, nor does it recommend any travel restrictions be applied. WHO continues to work closely with national authorities and technical partners to gain a better understanding of this disease in humans and will continue to provide updated information as the situation evolves.

For more information on human infection with avian influenza A (H7N9) virus, visit:

- http://www.wpro.who.int/outbreaks_emergencies/H7N9/en/index.html
- http://www.who.int/influenza/human_animal_interface/influenza_h7n9/en/index.html