



CDPH Health Advisory:

First Cases of Human Avian Influenza A (H5N1) in California & Preparation for the Respiratory Virus Season

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The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is [notifying healthcare providers](#) of the first human avian influenza A (H5N1) cases in California and urging preparedness for the upcoming respiratory virus season. As of October 10, 2024, CDPH has detected [four cases](#) of avian influenza A (H5N1) in workers at dairy facilities in the Central Valley of California. Providers should consider avian influenza A virus infection in symptomatic patients with exposure to livestock or birds (including backyard poultry). The CDPH advisory also includes disease-specific guidance on SARS-CoV-2, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

In Los Angeles County

Avian influenza A (H5N1)

Providers should [contact](#) Public Health **immediately** by phone if a patient is identified with an acute respiratory tract infection or conjunctivitis and has recent exposures to birds, livestock, or raw milk.

- Visit the LAC DPH [Avian Influenza A \(H5N1\) in Humans](#) website for the most current local information including resources for the public and provider-specific guidance on testing, PPE, evaluation, and reporting.

LAC DPH respiratory virus season resources

- [RESP WATCH](#): Viral Respiratory Surveillance for LA County—Provides surveillance information on COVID-19, influenza, and other respiratory illnesses in Los Angeles.
- [Vaccine Preventable Diseases](#) homepage-Hosts local resources for the public and providers, with links to disease-specific webpages, including [COVID-19](#), [influenza](#), and [RSV](#).

Read the full CDPH Health Advisory [online](#).

You can also copy and paste this link into your browser:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/CAHAN/Preparation-for-Respiratory-Virus-Season-COVID-19-Influenza-and-RSV.aspx>

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