



**LAC DPH Health Alert
Avian Influenza A (H7N9) Virus**

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LACDPH would like to remind all clinicians to inquire about recent international travel during diagnosis of patients with influenza-like illness. This is especially important in light of recent cases of avian influenza A (H7N9) virus occurring among individuals in mainland China. As of April 15, 2013, 60 human cases and 13 deaths have been identified occurring in 4 eastern Chinese provinces and 2 municipalities (Shanghai, Beijing, Jiangsu, Anhui, Zhejiang, and Henan). Most cases have had direct or indirect contact with poultry. No person-to-person transmission has been documented and no human cases have been identified in the United States or any other country outside of mainland China.

LACDPH requests that providers immediately contact the Acute Communicable Disease Control Program (ACDC) at 213-240-7941, ask for the Administrator on Duty (AOD), to report patients who have influenza-like illness that have traveled to mainland China in the 10 days before illness onset, especially if there was recent direct or close contact with animals (such as wild birds, poultry, or pigs).

For more information and guidance on avian influenza A (H7N9) virus visit:
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avianflu/h7n9-virus.htm>
