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Network for Communicable Disease Control in Southern Europe and Mediterranean Countries

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- A(H5N1) Human influenza Egypt, Vietnam
- A(H5N1) Avian influenza Vietnam
- "OUTSIDE" Events:
 - World Novel influenza A(H1N1)
- "INSIDE" Events: None (other than A[H5N1] and A[H1N1])

Area: Egypt, Vietnam Event: A(H5N1) – Human <u>Comments</u>

Egypt

- Egyptian authorities reported a new A(H5N1) influenza case
 - ✓ A 4 year-old boy from Sohag governorate (**Map 1**).
 - ✓ Symptomatic and hospitalised on 18/04/2009
 - ✓ To date, his condition is good and satisfactory
 - Exposure to the sick or dead poultry has been documented.
- To date and since April 2006, Egypt has reported 67 cases including 24 deaths.

Vietnam

- Vietnamese authorities reported a new A(H5N1) influenza case:
 - A 23 year-old woman from Thanh Hoa province (Map 2).
 - ✓ Symptomatic on 16/04/2009,
 - ✓ Hospitalised on 16/04/2009,
 - ✓ Died on 22/04/2009 at the hospital in Thanh Hoa.
 - To date, no exposure to sick or dead poultry has been documented.
- The last human A(H5N1) influenza case in Thanh Hoa province was reported on 07/01/2009. (see eWEB n°42).

Map 1. Sohag governorate, Egypt



Map 2. Thanh Hoa province, Vietnam



The occurrence of human A(H5N1) influenza cases in countries where the virus circulates widely among poultry is not an unexpected event.

Area: Vietnam Event: A(H5N1) – Epizootic <u>Comments</u>

- Vietnamese authorities reported an A(H5N1) avian influenza outbreak in Quang Ngai province.
- The latest avian outbreak in this province was reported in July 2008.
- To date, <u>WHO</u> has reported 421 confirmed human A(H5N1) cases of which 257 deaths.

Available elements do not indicate a change in the transmission of the virus.

REPORT of NEW HEALTH EVENTS OCCURING <u>OUTSIDE</u> THE EPISOUTH AREA (not occurring in one or several EpiSouth countries)

Area: World Event: A(H1N1) Novel influenza Comments

- Since April 24th 2009, Health authorities of several countries have reported human influenza cases due to a new strain, called <u>A(H1N1) Novel influenza virus</u>, derived from a porcine strain.
- This virus is different from human A(H1N1) virus, which is responsible of seasonal influenza outbreaks and usually circulates widely in the world.
- A human-to-human transmission is confirmed.
- WHO increased the level of <u>global pandemic alert</u> at 5 on a scale of 6, on the 29th April 2009.
- Table 1 (below) summarises the Novel influenza situation on April 29th 2009 at 12:00 PM.
- Each country has its own case definition. Moreover, within one country, the case definition may change overtime. These two elements have to be considered in the interpretation of the number of reported cases.
- Updates are uploaded every day on EpiSouth's website, with new available elements.

Table 1. Number of confirmed* A(H1N1) Novel influenza cases up to 29/04/09 12:00 PM. (Sources: WHO, MoH, CDC, InvS)

Country	State/ Province	Number of confirmed* A(H1N1) Novel influenza cases	of which number of deaths
Mexico	Federal District	17	4
	Mexico	7	2
	Oaxaca	1	1
	Veracruz	1	0
	Total Mexico	26	7
USA	California	10	0
	Kansas	2	0
	New York	45	0
	Ohio	1	0
	Indiana	1	0
	Texas	6	0
	Total USA	65	Ü
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	British Columbia Alberta	3	0
	Ontario	2	0
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	New Scotland	4	0
	Total Canada	13	0
Costa Rica	San Jose	1	0
Spain	Castilla de la		0
	Mancha	1	0
	Valencia	1	0
	Total Spain	2	0
United Kingdom	Scotland	2	0
Germany	Bavière	2	0
	Hambourg	1	0
	Total Germany	3	0
Israël	Kfar Saba	2	0
New Zealand	Auckland	 14	0
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^{*} Based on national case definitions and official statements

REPORT of NEW HEALTH EVENTS OCCURING <u>INSIDE</u> THE EPISOUTH AREA (Occurring in one or several EpiSouth countries)

No events reported this week

