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China: Confirmed 10 H7N9 human cases

There were a total of 10 confirmed H7N9 human were reported from:

- Guangdong
 - A 48 years old woman living in living Shantou area, history of hypertension, February 20 diagnosed cases of H7N9, now Shantou designated hospital hospitalized in critical conditio. [read more](#)
 - A 51 years old man lived in Jinping District, Shantou City, on 20 February diagnosed as H7N9 case, currently in critical condition, in designated hospital in Shantou City.
 - A 55 years old man lived in Heping County, Heyuan City, on 21 February diagnosed as H7N9 case, currently in moderate condition, in designated hospital in Huizhou City.
 - A 51 years old man, lived in Fengshun County, Meizhou City, has a history of Parkinson's disease, on 20 February diagnosed as H7N9 case, currently in critical condition, in designated hospital in Shantou City.
 - A 57 years old man lived in Boluo County, Huizhou City, on 21 February diagnosed as H7N9 case, currently in stable condition, in designated hospital in Huizhou City.
 - A 52 years old man lived in PengJiang District, Jiangmen City, on 21 February diagnosed as H7N9 case, currently in critical condition, in designated hospital in Jiangmen City. [read more](#)
 - A 59 years old man lives in Sihui City of Zhaoqing City, on 22 February diagnosed as H7N9 case, currently in critical condition, in designated hospital in Zhaoqing City. [read more](#)
- Guizhou
 - Another human case of the H7N9 strain of avian flu strain has been found in southwest China's Guizhou Province. The patient, 44 was initially diagnosed a lung infection, but test results on Tuesday confirmed the patient was infected with H7N9. [read more](#)
- Hong Kong
 - A 61-year-old man who travelled to Zhangmutou, Dongguan, Guangdong, from February 6 to 8 and February 14 to 15 respectively and had visited a wet market on February 14 and bought two slaughtered chickens. He is in critical condition. [read more](#)
- Jiangxi
 - A 74-year-old man living in Xihu District of Nanchang was identified as positive for H7N9 virus nucleic acid and his condition is relatively stable, Nanchang is a hospital. [read more](#)

China: Flu death toll reaches 196 in Hong Kong

Another 15 people have died of severe flu, bringing the death toll this year to 196, said Hong Kong health officials on Saturday afternoon. The Center for Health Protection said 16 new cases have been reported from Friday noon to Saturday noon among which 15 patients died. None of them is under the age of 18. The number of elderly people being admitted to hospital with flu has eased, but the number of children under five went up slightly in the past week, according to health authorities. [read more](#)

India: Ten new cases of Kyasanur Forest Disease in Kerala

Ten new cases of Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD), also known as monkey fever, were reported in various parts of Wayanad district on Sunday. “The suspected KFD cases have been reported from various parts of the district, including seven cases from the Cheeyambam tribal hamlet in Pulpally grama panchayat and one each from Padinharethara, Periya, and Poothadi grama panchayats,” Neeta Vijayan, District Medical Officer, Wayanad, told The Hindu . Meanwhile the Health Department has started distributing lemongrass oil and repellent cream free to members of tribal hamlets adjacent to forest areas to keep the ticks that transmit the disease at bay. Health Minister V.S. Sivakumar will visit the KFD-affected areas on Monday. [read more](#)

Japan: Confirmed an additional H5N8 outbreak in wild bird

An additional case in a wild bird: A dead *Anas platyrhynchos* (mallard) collected on 13 February 2015 was tested against avian influenza virus. It was confirmed on 17 February 2015 that the bird was infected with H5N8 influenza A virus. The result of gene sequencing indicated that a HA cleavage site of the amino acid sequence was consistent with that of highly pathogenic avian influenza virus. [read more](#)

Philippines: Highest animal rabies cases in CDO City

The 2014 Rabies Situation presented by the Bureau of Animal Industry during the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC), Communicating Health Advocacy Mentorship Program in Tagaytay revealed that CDO holds the highest animal rabies cases among cities in the entire country. Out of the 62 total samples submitted in 2014, 32 were positive with rabies. Meanwhile, Misamis Oriental ranks second among provinces, where CDO is under, out of 88 samples submitted, 48 cases were positive. Region 10 on the other hand is fourth among regions wherein out of 106 samples submitted last year, 57 were positive of rabies. [read more](#)