

H7N9 bird flu spreads from China to Taiwan

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Singapore: One laboratory-confirmed case of human infection with the virus has been reported by the Taipei Centres for Disease Control (CDC).

Untill date, a total of 109 laboratory-confirmed cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus, including 22 deaths have been reported to the WHO.

The authorities in the affected locations are implementing prevention and control measures. Investigations into the possible sources of infection and reservoirs of the virus are ongoing.

Until the source of infection is identified, it is expected that there will be further cases of human infection with the virus. So far, there is no evidence of sustained human-to-human transmission.

A team of WHO's international and Chinese experts completed its mission to visit Shanghai and Beijing and assess the avian influenza A (H7N9) situation and make recommendations to the National Health and Family Planning Commission.