

## Auckland Regional Public Health Service

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# Pandemic Postings

## Pandemic influenza response update

Current Alert Level: WHITE (see [NHEP:ID](#) for definition)  
Update number: 1  
Date: 7 November 2005  
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### Auckland region

- First issue of *Border Health Matters* released. Dr Greg Simmons has prepared a question & answer document on pandemic and avian influenza, primarily to provide information for border workers. Topics covered include the differences between avian and pandemic influenza, risks of acquiring avian influenza, infection control techniques and a summary of national influenza planning. Already distributed to border agencies, further copies are available from Greg (email [GregS@adhb.govt.nz](mailto:GregS@adhb.govt.nz)), and will shortly be available on the ARPHS website.
- **Auckland regional planning.** Regional coordination of pandemic planning is being led by Nigel Murray (ADHB). The process of formalising primary care representation is currently in progress, along with work on regional communications processes. An explanation of regional structures and the relationship to Civil Defence in pandemic planning will be in the next update.

Global spread of avian influenza to date  
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A/(H5N1), to 1 November 2005,<sup>1</sup> and animal outbreaks of highly-pathogenic avian influenza A/H5,<sup>2</sup> to 4 November 2005

	Human <sup>1</sup>		Animal <sup>2</sup>
	cases	deaths	outbreaks
Cambodia	4	4	15
China	-	-	57
Croatia	-	-	2
Hong Kong	-	-	4
Indonesia	7	4	216
Japan	-	-	8
Kazakhstan	-	-	1
Korea (South)	-	-	19
Laos	-	-	1
Malaysia	-	-	10
Mongolia	-	-	2
Romania	-	-	3
Russia	-	-	51
Thailand	20	13	1161
Turkey	-	-	1
Vietnam	91	41	1838
TOTAL	122	62	3389

Notes:

1 As reported to [World Health Organization](#)

2 As reported to [World Organisation for Animal Health \(OIE\)](#)

### National

- **Influenza Pandemic Planning for Business Continuity.** Two sets of information have been released by the Ministry of Economic Development to assist business continuity planning for influenza pandemics: a general use [Business Continuity Planning Guide](#) and a [Pandemic Planning Kit](#) for infrastructure providers.
- **Education sector planning.** The Ministry of Education intend posting answers to education sector FAQs on their website in a couple of weeks, and to produce a toolkit by Christmas to assist schools developing pandemic plans early next year.
- **Ministry of Health reaches agreement for pandemic vaccine supply.** 03/11/05. Agreement reached with CSL Ltd to guarantee supply to pandemic influenza vaccine. Vaccine likely to become available 4-6 months after pandemic existence announced by WHO. [more...](#)

### International

US, 01/11/05: President Bush has made a major speech on pandemic and avian influenza planning in the US. A total of US\$7.1b is being sought from Congress. [more...](#)

Key points to the US strategy are the following:

- Detection of outbreaks globally through the International Partnership on Avian and Pandemic Influenza. Funding sought for supporting international pandemic surveillance and response.
- Stockpile vaccines and antiviral drugs; further funding for improving vaccine-development technology
- Development of pandemic plans at federal, state and local levels.

1 November 2005 (US): New US website launched for pandemic flu: [pandemicflu.gov](http://pandemicflu.gov)

### Links to key pandemic planning sites NZ/worldwide

- [National Health Emergency Plan: Infectious Diseases](#)
- [New Zealand Ministry of Health Pandemic Influenza website](#)
- [WHO Pandemic Preparedness website](#)
- [CDC Influenza website](#)
- [Australian Dept of Health & Ageing Pandemic Preparedness website](#)
- [UK Dept of Health Pandemic Influenza website](#)
- [Canadian Public Health Agency Pandemic Influenza website](#)
- [Singapore Ministry of Health Pandemic Influenza website](#)
- [New Zealand MAF Biosecurity Avian Influenza website](#)
- [US Government pandemic/avian influenza website \(PandemicFlu.gov\)](#)

### Background information about pandemic/avian influenza

[Ten things you need to know about pandemic influenza \(WHO\)](#)  
[Avian influenza \(US National Wildlife Center\)](#)  
[New England Journal of Medicine review paper](#)

### Contact phone numbers

Ministry of Health advice line: 0800 AVN FLU (286 358)  
MAF Hotline (for suspect animal cases): 0800 809 966