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Avian/Pandemic Flu Quick Reference to Web Resources

Flu Terms Defined (pandemicflu.gov)

Seasonal (or common) flu is a respiratory illness that can be transmitted person to person. Most people have some immunity, and a vaccine is available.

Avian (or bird) flu is caused by influenza viruses that occur naturally among wild birds. The H5N1 variant is deadly to domestic fowl and can be transmitted from birds to humans. There is no human immunity and no vaccine is available.

Pandemic flu is virulent human flu that causes a global outbreak, or pandemic, of serious illness. Because there is little natural immunity, the disease can spread easily from person to person. Currently, there is no pandemic flu.

International and National Websites

World Health Organization

http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/en/

Official US Government Web site

<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>

US Department of Agriculture

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome>

US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/>

New York State Website

New York State Department of Health

<http://www.health.state.ny.us/diseases/communicable/influenza/pandemic/>

Cornell Websites

Gannett Clinic

<http://www.gannett.cornell.edu/campushealth/pandemicflu.html>

Cornell Cooperative Extension

<http://emergencypreparedness.cce.cornell.edu/>

Extension Disaster Education Network

<http://www.eden.lsu.edu/>

Cornell News Service

http://www.news.cornell.edu/Chronicle/features/avian_flu/avian_flu.shtml

Lab of Ornithology

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/birdflu>

College of Veterinary Medicine

<http://www.vet.cornell.edu/news/AvianFlu/>

For complete up-to-date information on Pandemic Flu planning,
Go to: <http://www.gannett.cornell.edu/campushealth/pandemicflu.html>