

19. What are the measures that the DOH is doing to prevent the entry of H7N9 in the Philippines?

- Monitoring of fever for all incoming airline passengers especially those coming from China, Taiwan and other Asian countries.
- Coordinating closely with Department of Agriculture for poultry epidemics.
- Hospitals are alerted for unusual lung infections.
- Research Institute for Tropical Medicines (RITM) has capacity and ready to examine or confine suspected patients.
- Public is advised to report unusual influenza-like infections.

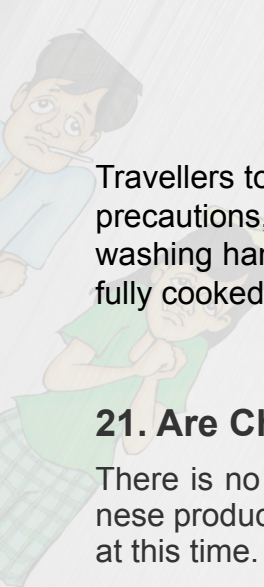
19. Does this influenza virus pose a pandemic threat?

An animal influenza virus that develops the ability to infect people could theoretically carry a risk of causing a pandemic. However, whether the avian influenza A(H7N9) virus could actually cause a pandemic is unknown. Other animal influenza viruses that have been found to infect people occasionally have not gone on to cause a pandemic.

20. Is it safe to travel to China?

The number of cases identified in China is low. WHO does not advise the application of any travel measures with respect to visitors to China nor to persons leaving China.





Travellers to China are advised to take some common sense precautions, like not touching birds or other animals and washing hands often. Poultry and poultry products should be fully cooked.

21. Are Chinese products safe?

There is no evidence to link the current cases with any Chinese products. WHO advises against any restrictions to trade at this time.

22. A recently confirmed case travelled by air from Jiangsu province to Taiwan, China; was he symptomatic during the flight?

No. His symptoms began three days after his return to Taiwan, China.

23. Could this confirmed case have infected other passengers on the same flight?

It is very unlikely that this case could have infected other passengers. Testing of more than 1000 contacts of other confirmed cases has not yielded any evidence of human-to-human transmission of this virus in the community.

24. What does WHO recommend regarding air travel?

WHO does not recommend any travel restrictions with respect to this event. WHO will continue to provide updated information as it becomes available.

