

# Think Avian Flu!

*Protect yourself and your community  
Prevent spread of avian influenza*

Screen **hospitalized/ambulatory** patients with T >38°C (>100.4°F) AND cough or sore throat or shortness of breath

**FOR**

Travel to an affected country\* ≤10 days before symptom onset AND contact with potentially infected poultry\*\* or suspect or confirmed human case of H5N1 influenza

Screen **hospitalized** patients with CXR-confirmed pneumonia/ARDS or unexplained severe respiratory illness

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\*Outbreaks are ongoing in parts of Asia, Africa, the Pacific, Europe, and the Near East. For an updated listing of affected countries, see the WHO website at [http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian\\_influenza/en/](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/en/) or the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/outbreaks/current.htm>.

\*\* Poultry exposure: One of the following: direct contact with domestic poultry (e.g. touching sick or dead chickens or ducks or well-appearing ducks); consumption of uncooked poultry or poultry products; direct contact with surfaces contaminated with poultry feces. It does NOT include exposure to cooked or processed poultry.

- ✓ Report patients with above exposure history immediately to **infection control** and **public health** as potential *Avian Influenza* patients.
- ✓ Testing should include rapid testing for influenza A, and PCR of nasopharyngeal specimen for influenza at the Georgia Public Health Lab.
- ✓ Viral culture should NOT be performed because of danger to lab workers and agriculture.
- ✓ Acute- (within 1 week of illness onset) and convalescent-phase (after 3 weeks of illness onset) serum sample should be collected and stored in case testing for antibody to the avian influenza virus should be needed.
- ✓ **Infection control measures** for potential Avian Influenza patients:
  - Standard Precautions: Careful hand hygiene
  - Contact & Droplet Precautions: Gloves, gown, eye protection ≤3 feet from the patient
  - Airborne Precautions: Patient in negative pressure, airborne isolation room; use a fit-tested NIOSH-approved N-95 respirator in room.



Infection Control: Extension \_\_\_\_\_