



CONTROL MEASURES FOR AVIAN INFLUENZA A (H5N1)

Hospital Settings

Isolation precautions identical to those recommended for severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) should be implemented for all hospitalized patients diagnosed with, or under evaluation for, avian influenza A (H5N1) as follows:

1. Patients being evaluated for avian influenza A (H5N1) should be placed in airborne infection isolation and have appropriate specimens collected with care.
2. Healthcare workers evaluating patients for whom there is a high index of suspicion for avian influenza should utilize respiratory protection with an N-95 respirator, or higher level of protection. Good hand hygiene and use of contact precautions including gloves and gowns is recommended.

Outpatient Health Care Settings

All patients who present to an out-patient health-care setting with fever and respiratory symptoms should be questioned about recent travel history. Patients should be managed with due attention to respiratory hygiene, cough etiquette, and at minimum **droplet precautions**.

Infection control precautions for avian influenza A (H5N1) remain unchanged from the CDC interim recommendations and are described in the CDC guidance document *Interim Recommendations for Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities Caring for Patients with Known or Suspected Avian Influenza*, which can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/professional/infect-control.htm>.

Additional information on respiratory hygiene, cough etiquette, hand washing and influenza activity in Massachusetts can be found at the MDPH Influenza website www.mass.gov/dph and at the BPHC Influenza website http://www.bphc.org/bphc/cdc_avian_providerinfo.asp#infcontrol.

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