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**NEWS RELEASE**

TO: Area Media Outlets  
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RE: **Human Infections with Novel Influenza A (H7N9) Viruses**  
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As of April 4, 2013, Chinese public health officials have reported 14 cases of human infection with a novel avian influenza A (H7N9) virus from four different provinces in China. At this time, no cases of human infection with avian influenza A (H7N9) viruses have been detected in the United States. No person-to-person transmission or epidemiologic link between any of the cases has been identified.

The symptoms of human infection with avian influenza A viruses varies considerably--from mild illness, including conjunctivitis, fever, and cough, to severe illness, including fulminant pneumonia leading to death in these recent cases of H7N9 virus infections. Again, to date, there has been no evidence of person-to-person transmission of influenza A (H7N9) viruses.

For more information on the avian influenza A (H7N9) visit the CDC avian influenza A (H7N9) information page is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avianflu/h7n9-virus.htm>.

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