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First alert : February 16, 2026 | Avian Influenza A(H5N1) in Cambodia

Sub-Locations Affected

Kampot (Tuek Chhou District)

Event Description

On February 14, 2026, the National Institute of Public Health confirmed a new human case of avian influenza A(H5N1) in Kampot Province, the first case reported in 2026. This was followed by an official statement released by the Ministry of Health of Cambodia in the same day.

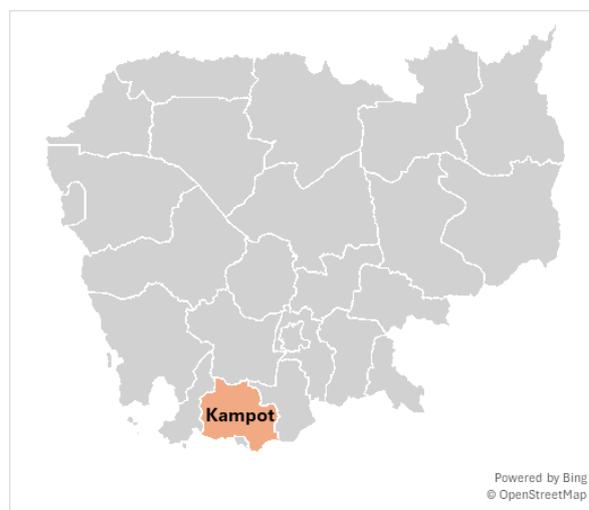


Figure 1. Province confirming human cases of Avian Influenza A(H5N1) in 2026 (As of February 16)

Epidemiological Information

- The Cambodian Ministry of Health reported a new case of human avian influenza A(H5N1) in Kampot province, the first case reported in 2026. The case was a 30-year-old man from Teuk Chhou district in Kampot province who presented with symptoms of fever, cough, and abdominal pain. After receiving careful treatment from the medical team, the patient recovered and was discharged on February 14, 2026.
- On February 14, 2026, the infection was confirmed by the National Institute of Public Health. No detailed information was provided on the date of symptom onset and no additional human cases have been reported.
- Investigations revealed that there was a dead chicken in the patient's house and it was cooked 3 days before the patient started feeling sick.
- In 2025, Cambodia has confirmed 18 cases with seven deaths, reflecting a 38.9% case fatality rate. Ten of these cases occurred in individuals under the age of 19. The last case was reported in November in Phnom Penh.

Response Measures

- The Ministry of Health's emergency response teams from the national and sub-national level are currently collaborating with provincial agriculture departments and local authorities. Together, they are actively investigating the outbreak using established technical protocols. The teams are working to identify the source of transmission in both animals and humans. They are also searching for suspected cases and contacts to prevent further community spread.
- Antiviral medicines are being given to people who have been in close contact with a case to help those at risk. To further protect the community, officials are conducting health education campaign within the affected area.
- The Ministry of Health urges the public to follow preventive measures and remain vigilant against avian influenza A(H5N1). Individuals with fever, cough, runny nose, or breathing issues, especially after contact with sick or dead poultry in the past 14 days, should avoid crowds and seek immediate medical care to prevent serious complications.
- The Ministry of Health continuously provides updates through the Department of Communicable Disease Control's website (www.cdcmoh.gov.kh) and Facebook page.

Recommendations

- The World Health Organization (WHO) advises travelers and residents of countries with known avian influenza outbreaks to avoid contact with poultry farms, live poultry markets, areas where poultry may be slaughtered, and surfaces that appear contaminated with poultry or animal feces. Travelers returning from affected regions should report to local health services if they have respiratory symptoms and suspect a zoonotic influenza virus infection.
- The Ministry of Health of Cambodia underscored the following key preventive measures to reduce the risk of H5N1 infection:
 - a) Avoid contact with sick or dead poultry,
 - b) Use protective measures (gloves and a mask) when handling poultry for food,
 - c) Wash hands frequently, especially before handling food and after contact with poultry or potentially contaminated surfaces,
 - d) Ensure thorough cooking before consumption, and
 - e) Seek medical attention promptly.

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