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Avian Flu Incidence:

In 2007, there were three new countries with lab confirmed cases of H5N1 (Avian Influenza A), which brought the total to 14 countries.

- o Feb 3, 2007, Nigeria (11<sup>th</sup> country) confirmed its first, fatal and only case.
- o Dec 14, 2007, Myanmar confirmed its first, survived and only human case.
- o Dec 27, 2007, Pakistan confirmed its first, fatal and only human case.
- o The total countries are 14, the total cases are 346, total deaths are 213. The case fatality rate is 61.6 %

Source: World Health Organization, 2007

Seasonal Flu Incidence:

In December 2007, Columbus and Franklin County have seen a slight increase in influenza cases, but nothing unusual.

In contrast, Cuyahoga County/Cleveland has seen an increasing number of positive lab tests for influenza since early December, with a huge increase during the past week. Hospital labs have reported 111 positive confirmed results last week alone.

With this new information, screening of all symptomatic patients remains more important than ever. Completion of the Appendix B-2: Avian Influenza Screening Form is essential for those patients who fit criteria. Please fax( 614-719-8890) or call (614-719-8888) CDRS upon completion of form. Please call 614-645-6971 on evenings, weekends and holidays.

For information on where to get your flu shot in central Ohio visit our website at [www.vaccine4me.com](http://www.vaccine4me.com) or call the Flu Shot Hot Line at (614) 437-2900 or 1-888-202-1319.

**Flu vaccine is still available at Columbus Public Health and Franklin County Board of Health.**

<u>DISEASE INCIDENCE</u>			
Cases reported in Columbus and Franklin County for December 2007			
PERTUSSIS: 35	NEISSERIA MENINGITIS: 0	SALMONELLA: 6	
VIRAL MENINGITIS: 19	SHIGELLA: 2	MEASLES: 0	GIARDIASIS: 10

**Report Disease with Ease - 24 hours a day**  
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