

H5N1 Local Public Health Survey

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Survey Introduction

We invite you to participate in this survey, which aims to understand your local health jurisdiction's preparedness, best practices, and challenges related to avian influenza A (H5N1). As a public health professional, your firsthand experience is essential for strengthening local and statewide capacity to detect, prevent, and respond to H5N1 outbreaks. Your insights will help identify effective strategies, resource needs, and opportunities for education, training, and collaboration. This survey is a combination of multiple-choice and open-ended questions and will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. For all open-ended questions, please provide as much detail as possible in your responses. If you are unable to answer any questions, please enter "Not Applicable" or "N/A." We kindly ask that you respond to the survey by the close of business on **November 7, 2025**. Thank you for your time, valuable feedback, and dedication to protecting public health.

Objectives of Survey and Data Analysis

Identify common best practices and successful strategies for H5N1 preparedness and response. Assess the perceived level of readiness, confidence, and resource adequacy across counties. Determine common challenges and barriers faced by local health jurisdictions. Explore relationships between preparedness levels and factors such as funding, training, and collaboration.

General Survey Questions

Questions 1 - 10

1. Does your local public health jurisdiction have a written plan specifically addressing H5N1 preparedness and response for a locally-contained event? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ In development
- ☐ Not sure

2. Does your local public health jurisdiction have a written plan specifically addressing H5N1 preparedness and response for a widespread outbreak event? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ In development
- ☐ Not sure

3. How would you rate your local health jurisdictions' overall level of preparedness for an H5N1 outbreak? *

- ☐ Not at all prepared
- ☐ Minimally prepared
- ☐ Moderately prepared
- ☐ Well prepared
- ☐ Extremely well prepared
- ☐ Not sure

4. How would you rate your local health jurisdictions' overall level of preparedness for a human outbreak? *

- ☐ Not at all prepared
- ☐ Minimally prepared
- ☐ Moderately prepared
- ☐ Well prepared
- ☐ Extremely well prepared
- ☐ Not sure

5. How would you rate your local health jurisdictions' overall level of preparedness for an animal outbreak? *

- ☐ Not at all prepared
- ☐ Minimally prepared
- ☐ Moderately prepared
- ☐ Well prepared
- ☐ Extremely well prepared
- ☐ Not sure

6. What sources of funding have you used for H5N1 preparedness? (Select all that apply) *

- ☐ Federal grants (e.g., CDC HHS)
- ☐ State funding
- ☐ Local budget allocations
- ☐ Private grants or partnerships
- ☐ No dedicated funding

7. In your experience, what strategies or approaches have been most effective for your local health jurisdiction in preparing for and responding to H5N1 threats? *

8. What specific protocols or plans does your local health jurisdiction have in place to detect, contain, and mitigate H5N1 outbreaks? *

9. What resources would support the creation of these plans to detect, contain, and mitigate H5N1 outbreaks? *

10. Can you describe any innovative practices or tools your local health jurisdiction has implemented that you feel have improved your H5N1 readiness or response capacity? *

Surveillance and Detection

Questions 11 - 21

11. Does your local health jurisdiction routinely conduct surveillance for avian influenza? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

12. If yes, please specify:

13. How confident are you in your local health jurisdiction's ability to promptly detect H5N1 cases in humans? *

- ☐ Not confident at all
- ☐ Slightly confident
- ☐ Moderately confident
- ☐ Very confident
- ☐ Extremely confident
- ☐ Not sure

14. Do you feel your organization is knowledgeable about the process of H5N1 testing for humans: who does it, how it works? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Other

15. If yes, please describe your understanding of human specimen testing, including who performs the testing:

16. Do you feel your organization is knowledgeable about the process of H5N1 testing for animals: who does it, how it works? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Other

17. If yes, please describe your understanding of animal specimen testing, including who performs the testing: *

18. Does your organization have a process to handle public inquiries related to H5N1? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

19. If yes, please explain your process for handling public inquiries related to H5N1:

20. What practices have you found most valuable for early detection and monitoring of potential H5N1 human cases in your county? *

21. What challenges have you encountered in conducting H5N1 surveillance among humans, poultry, wild birds, or dairy animals in your jurisdiction? *

Coordination and Collaboration

22. To what extent does your local health jurisdiction collaborate with agricultural agencies (e.g., the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)) regarding H5N1 surveillance and response? *

- ☐ Not at all
- ☐ Minimal collaboration
- ☐ Moderate collaboration
- ☐ Extensive collaboration
- ☐ Full integration and coordination
- ☐ Not sure

23. Does your local health jurisdiction currently use any communication materials for communicating with local partners and citizens? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

24. If yes, please specify the types of materials:

25. Where does your organization obtain H5N1 communication materials? (Select all that apply) *

- ☐ State
- ☐ Federal
- ☐ Academic Institution
- ☐ Internally developed
- ☐ None
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Other

26. Would your local health jurisdiction be willing to share internally developed H5N1 resources and communication materials? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Not applicable

27. Please list the local/regional partners that you have formally coordinated with on H5N1 planning. Explain how you have coordinated with each partner. *

28. How does your local health jurisdiction coordinate with other local, state, and federal agencies regarding H5N1 planning and response? *

29. Who would your local health jurisdiction reach out to with questions regarding H5N1 at the state level? Please indicate the point of contact and the state department. *

30. What barriers have you encountered in maintaining effective collaboration or communication related to H5N1 preparedness or response? *

31. What is your local health jurisdiction's preferred way to receive information/guidance from the state level? *

Communication and Public Education

32. How effective do you feel your local health jurisdiction's risk communication strategies have been in educating the public about H5N1? *

- ☐ Not effective
- ☐ Slightly effective
- ☐ Moderately effective
- ☐ Very effective
- ☐ Extremely effective
- ☐ Not sure

33. Has your local health jurisdiction developed public messaging materials specific to H5N1? *

- ☐ Yes, and they are regularly updated
- ☐ Yes, but they are rarely updated
- ☐ No, but planning to develop materials
- ☐ No, materials have not been created, and there are no plans to develop materials
- ☐ Not sure

34. How has your local health jurisdiction approached public education or risk communication regarding H5N1? What methods have been most successful, and why? *

35. What has worked well in your communication with partners (e.g., healthcare providers, agricultural partners, the public) during periods of heightened concern about H5N1? *

36. What challenges have arisen in addressing public concerns or misinformation about H5N1? *

Resources and Workforce Capacity

37. My local health jurisdiction has adequate staffing resources to respond to a ... *

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
local (e.g., detection in poultry and a couple of human cases) H5N1 outbreak	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
widespread (e.g., multijurisdictional, epidemic) H5N1 outbreak	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

38. Rate your level of preparedness around laboratory resources for each of the categories: *

	Not sufficient	Somewhat sufficient	Moderately sufficient	Very sufficient	Completely sufficient	Not sure
Testing supplies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Specimen collecting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Specimen submission	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Procedures for testing coordination	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Partnerships with healthcare providers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Partnerships with BOL	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

39. From your perspective, what resources (e.g., staffing, funding, training) have been most critical for your H5N1 preparedness efforts? *

40. What gaps or limitations in resources have posed the greatest challenge in planning for or responding to H5N1? *

Training and Exercises

41. Has your staff participated in any H5N1-specific training or exercises within the past two years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

42. How prepared do you feel your staff are to implement non-pharmaceutical interventions (e.g., use of PPE, hand hygiene, disinfection, social distancing, isolation, ventilation, and visitor restrictions) for infection control in response to H5N1?

- ☐ Not at all prepared
- ☐ Slightly prepared
- ☐ Moderately prepared
- ☐ Very prepared
- ☐ Extremely prepared
- ☐ Not sure

43. How prepared do you feel your staff are to implement pharmaceutical interventions (e.g., administration of antivirals and vaccines) for infection control in response to H5N1?

- ☐ Not at all prepared
- ☐ Slightly prepared
- ☐ Moderately prepared
- ☐ Very prepared
- ☐ Extremely prepared
- ☐ Not sure

44. How prepared do you feel your staff are to educate individuals on infection control measures for H5N1 (e.g., isolation, quarantine, use of PPE, hand hygiene)?

- ☐ Not at all prepared
- ☐ Slightly prepared
- ☐ Moderately prepared
- ☐ Very prepared
- ☐ Extremely prepared
- ☐ Not sure

Lessons Learned and Future Needs

45. Reflecting on your jurisdiction's experience with H5N1 preparedness or response, what lessons have you learned that could inform future efforts? *

46. What additional supports, resources, or policy changes would help your jurisdiction strengthen its capacity to address H5N1? *

47. Is there anything else you would like to share about your jurisdiction's experience, successes, or challenges related to H5N1?

Contact Information

We are looking to share best practices. If you are willing to provide your name and contact information to discuss your jurisdiction's procedures, please do so here:

48. Full name

49. Local Health Jurisdiction

50. Email address

51. Phone Number

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