



**Date: August 27, 2024**

**Administrative Circular: 2024:14**

**ATTN:** Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices  
Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators  
Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

**Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual,  
Chapter 1: Avian Influenza Outbreak**

**Chapter 1 – Communicable Disease Control**

**Avian Influenza Outbreak**

The following are the key revisions and updates:

- Links and references have been updated throughout as needed.
- Background (section 2.0)
  - Added additional species and detections in dairy cattle in the United States.
  - Updated the global human epidemiology.
- Human health:
  - Risks updated to include dairy cattle and their milk (section 3.0).
  - Potential transmission sources added (section 3.2).
  - Signs and symptoms examples provided (section 3.6).
  - Communicability (section 3.4) removed information regarding monitoring human infection.
  - Clarified human exposure (contact) management (section 5.1) in poultry setting and added other livestock.
  - Added common symptoms to management of asymptomatic exposed individuals (section 5.2).
  - Removed testing instructions from management of symptomatic exposed individuals (section 5.3).
  - Added milk technicians and healthcare workers completing aerosol-generating medical procedures (AGMP) to high-risk exposure group (section 5.4).
  - Included conjunctival swab for persons presenting with conjunctivitis to testing guidance and instructions (section 5.6).
  - Added AGMP guidance to the PPE in a healthcare setting (section 5.8.2).
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- Animal health:
  - Incubation period in animals increased to 21 days (section 3.3).
  - Clarified response leadership (section 4.0).
  - Updated reporting and timelines process (section 6.1).
- Public education (section 6.3):
  - Added avoiding consumption of unpasteurized milk or unpasteurized dairy products and guidance for pet owners.

**Please remove entire section:** dated June 2023

**Please add new section:** dated August 2024

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Sincerely,



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