

12 April 2012 – The Ministry of Health and Population of Egypt notified WHO of a new case of human infection with avian influenza A (H5N1) virus. The patient was a 36-year-old woman from the Giza governorate. She developed symptoms on 1 April 2012 and was admitted to a hospital on 7 April 2012. She died on the same day.

The case was confirmed by the Central Public Health Laboratories; a National Influenza Centre of the WHO Global Influenza Surveillance Network. Epidemiological investigations into the source of infection indicate that the case had exposure to backyard poultry.

Of the 167 cases confirmed to date in Egypt, 60 have been fatal.

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