

Report on Avian Influenza(Bird Flu)

24-11-2014

- Director of animal husbandry reported bird deaths in mass(possible suggestion of outbreak of Avian Influenza) in the districts of Alappuzha, Kottayam and Pathanamthitta .
- In the evening Health Secretary convened a meeting; following points were discussed ;
- Outbreak area defined, Plan for daily action taken report decided; House to House survey for Influenza Like Illness (ILI) /Severe Acute Respiratory Infection(SARI),availability of Drugs, Personal Protective Equipments(PPE) Kits and other materials;
- Alappuzha DMO fixed as focal point for drug supply;, Neethi Stores, Karunya Medical stores instructed to locate stocks of oseltamivir and shift to Alappuzha .
- Secretary established contact with drug manufacturers who have promised to supply Oseltamivir (Hetero Drugs) short term immediately,long term with in 14 days.
- MD KMSCL instructed to issue supply orders to Hetero Drugs to supply 50000 capsules of Oseltamivir (Emergency procurement)
- Implication of confirmation report of H5Avian Influenza Virus(H5AIV) from National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases(NIHSD) Bhopal discussed

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Chief Minister convened meeting on Avian Influenza at Secretariat,TVM

- Action points for Health Department-1.Procurement of medicines and PPE kits 2.Surveillance as per guidelines 3.IEC(Information,Education and Communication)
- Health Secretary's Meeting about assignment of above said actions to SNO(State Nodal Officer)---- H1N1- drug logistics and supervision, Dr Jagadeesan(Assist.DHS(PH))---surveillance and reporting; IEC,BCC(BehaviourChangeCommunication)& State Mass Education & Media Officer)-IEC materials
- SMO conference – Secretary and DHS conveyed directions from Ministry Of Health& Family Welfare(MOHFW) to all DMOs and briefed on CM's meeting and the current situation of Avian Influenza in the state and instructed all DMOs about the general surveillance measures to be under taken at the state level;
- Bird Flu was discussed in detail
- District specific directions given to DMOs of Alappuzha, Kottayam and Pathanamthitta(affected districts)
 - a. To begin ILI , SARI surveillance in the community in 10kms perimetre of the affected areas through JHI, JPHN and ASHA workers
 - b. To ensure prophylactic Oseltamivir capsules and PPE use ,its sensitisation etc for cullers/veterinary staff
 - c. Send daily reports to IDSP in the format being prescribed
 - d. Special sensitisation to be ensured for the safety of high risk groups (Children(pets), Housewives(cooking), Pet Shop Owners, Poultry Shop Owners)
 - e. Check and Verify stock of medicines and materials (Oseltamivir , PPE kits, N95 Masks, 3 Layer Mask, Gloves , disinfectants)
 - f. Anticipated requirement, stock position and utilisation of medicines and materials to be reported daily to SNOH1N1
- Additional stock of PPE kits issued to Alappuzha , Kottayam and Pathanamthitta districts from GMS
- Viral Transport Medium(VTM) from State Public Health Lab issued to Alappuzha DMO &PTA DMO
- Production of IEC Materials initiated with the collaboration of Animal Husbandry Department in the process