

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

November 20th 2023 - November 26th 2023

SUMMARY: RELEVANT SIGNALS (includes all signals rated ≥ 3.0)

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

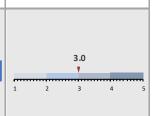
- Over the last week, Canada has reported outbreaks of HPAI in commercial poultry in: British Columbia(10), Quebec(1), and Alberta(2); in non-commercial poultry in: Manitoba(1) and Alberta(2)
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Influenza A (H5N1)

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NEW EVENTS: (events rated > 2)



Multiple respiratory pathogens circulating in China

Pathogen: multiple; Transmission: multiple; Species affected in event: human

① Early last week, unconfirmed media reports were circulating regarding an undiagnosed pneumonia outbreak in children in China. With hospital locations in Beijing and Liaoning being described as overwhelmed with children. The main symptoms mentioned were a high fever, with some kids developing pulmonary nodules.

The WHO met with Chinese health officials and were informed of an increase in outpatient consultations and hospital admissions of children due to *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* since May, and respiratory syncytial virus, adenovirus, and influenza virus since October. Some of these increases are earlier in the season than historically experienced, but not unexpected given the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, as similarly experienced in other countries.

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Avg. Rating	2.0 - 2.2
No. of Signal	3
No. of Ratings	5



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CONTINUED EVENTS: (events rated \geq 2.4)

Influenza A (H5N1) in Cambodia

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Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in North America

No. of Signals: 08 No. of weeks in report: 92 Avg. Rating: 2.0 - 3.0

- Over the last week, Canada has reported outbreaks of HPAI in commercial poultry in: British Columbia (10), Quebec (1), and Alberta (2); in non-commercial poultry in: Manitoba(1) and Alberta(2)
- Over the last week, the USA has reported outbreaks of HPAI in commercial poultry in: South Dakota(7), Minnesota(8), California(1), Ohio(1), Maryland(1), and Wisconsin(1); in WOAH poultry in: South Dakota(1) and Georgia(1); in WOAH non-poultry in: Minnesota(1), Oregon(1), Florida(1), Texas(1), Wisconsin(1), and New Mexico(1)

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Europe

No. of Signals: 21 No. of weeks in report: 153 Avg. Rating: 2.0 - 3.0

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- Italy, Germany, Croatia, Scotland, the Netherlands, Denmark, and Hungary have reported HPAI H5N1 in domestic birds
- The Netherlands, Portugal, and Italy have reported HPAI H5N1 in wild birds
- A summary of the overall HPAI situation in Europe is available here

Mpox worldwide (Democratic Republic of Congo)

No. of Signals: 02 No. of weeks in report: 23 Avg. Rating: 2.0 - 2.5

• The WHO has released a report on the first confirmed cluster of sexually transmitted Mpox clade I in the DRC, with another outbreak in the country being reported among sex workers, raising concerns it may follow Clade II which caused a worldwide outbreak in 2022

Bluetongue virus in Europe

No. of Signals: 04 No. of weeks in report: 06 Avg. Rating: 2.0 - 2.5

- The UK has reported four additional cases of BTV serotype 3 in cattle on two additional farms in Kent
- Germany has reported additional cases of BTV serotype 3 in sheep

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in South America

No. of Signals: 03 No. of weeks in report: 53

Avg. Rating: 2.0 - 2.4

- Ecuador has reported a mortality event of 7000 frigatebirds due to HPAI H5N1
- Colombia has reported HPAI H5 in domestic birds in Magdalena

SCIENTIFIC FINDINGS & REPORTS:

Influenza

Emergence of novel reassortant H3N3 avian influenza viruses with increased pathogenicity in chickens in 2023

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Vectors and Vector-borne Disease

Detection of Anopheles stephensi Mosquitoes by Molecular Surveillance, Kenya

Other

New Geographic Records for Trichinella nativa and Echinococcus canadensis in Coyotes (Canis latrans) from Insular Newfoundland

Dynamics of CWD prion detection in feces and blood from naturally infected white-tailed deer

Fatal Human Neurologic Infection Caused by Pigeon Avian Paramyxovirus-1, Australia

ECDC - Communicable disease threats report, 19 - 25 November 2023, week 47

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This intelligence report is intended to provide information to risk managers about emerging and zoonotic disease events that could pose a threat to Canada. It is based on information signals acquired and selected fromtwenty-one distinct disease surveillance sources via the Knowledge Integration using Web-based Intelligence (KIWI) tool hosted on the Canadian Network for Public Health Intelligence (CNPHI) informatics platform. The report is based on the activities of the CEZD Community of Practice and subject to change based on evolving