

Yolo County Avian Flu MOCK Drill
June 10, 2004

NOTE: Avian Flu is a real influenza virus primarily found in Southeast Asia. Avian Flu can be transmitted from infected poultry to humans and causes serious respiratory illness or death. Symptoms described below are accurate. For our DRILL, we made-up a strain of MOCK Avian Flu that would be transmitted “person-to-person”. We also made-up a MOCK Avian Flu vaccine.

DRILL Scenario for volunteers with “suspected Avian Flu” who go to hospitals or clinics:

To date, 500 cases of a deadly strain of MOCK Avian Flu have been reported primarily from Southeast Asia with scattered cases from around the world. There were no cases reported in the United States.

On June 4-6, 2004, a large International Agricultural Conference was held in Chickenville in southern California. Participants and speakers came from all over the world. Some presenters ill with MOCK Avian Flu attended the conference and infected others. Symptoms develop in 2 to 4 days after being in close contact with an infected person who is coughing or sneezing. Symptoms include fever over 100.4 F, cough, shortness of breath, wheezing, sweating, chills and diarrhea.

On Tuesday, June 8, 2004, the news media announced that there was an outbreak of MOCK Avian Flu in Chickenville resulting in serious illness and death. Health Departments throughout California were directed to open mass vaccination clinics to provide a newly developed MOCK Avian Flu vaccine to all residents. Yolo County opened their first vaccine clinic today at the UCD Rec Hall.

YOUR story:

You attended the International Agricultural Conference held in Chickenville June 4-6, 2004. You heard about the Avian Flu outbreak in Chickenville and came to the UCD Rec Hall because you are worried you may have the Avian Flu.

On Tuesday, June 8, 2004, you developed a fever and a cough that continued to get progressively worse. By this morning, June 10, you have the following symptoms:

- documented fever over 101 F,
- persistent cough
- wheezing and difficulty catching your breath
- sweating and chills

The *rest* of your health history, work, travel and daily activities you can fill-in based on either your normal daily activities or make them up.