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### **Influenza (H9N2) in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China (SAR)**

On 9 December, WHO was informed that tests carried out by the Department of Health Public Health Laboratory Centre, Hong Kong SAR identified influenza A(H9N2) virus (avian influenza virus) in a 5-year old boy in Hong Kong SAR. The boy recovered after hospital treatment and has now been discharged.

Genetic sequencing is being carried out to confirm the identity of the virus. This is the second time H9N2 viruses have been isolated from humans in Hong Kong SAR. The last case occurred in 1999.

Hong Kong SAR has a comprehensive influenza surveillance system to alert health authorities of any avian influenza in the environment. The medical community has been contacted and health education messages have been distributed to kindergartens and schools.

For more information, see News Bulletin "*Boy recovered from influenza A virus (H9N2)*" [Department of Health. Hong Kong Website](#)

Source: [Disease Outbreak News. WHO Website](#)