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## WHO confirms first fatal human case of bird flu subtype in Mexico

### Description

The World Health Organization recently confirmed the first-ever fatal case of a subtype of bird flu in Mexico. This marks the first laboratory-confirmed human case of the H5N2 strain globally and the first reported case in Mexico. The patient, a 59-year-old resident with no history of exposure to poultry, developed symptoms on April 17 and passed away on April 24. This particular strain of bird flu differs from the one currently affecting livestock in the United States.

The patient's relatives mentioned underlying health conditions, including chronic kidney disease and type 2 diabetes. Test results confirmed that the patient was infected with bird flu subtype H5N2, previously unseen in humans. Authorities in Mexico have not reported any additional cases related to this incident.

While human infections with bird flu pose a potential public health threat, the risk to the general population remains low, according to the WHO and Mexico's Ministry of Health. Vigilance in monitoring these viruses in both animals and humans is essential to prevent future outbreaks.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **subtype** // (noun): A distinct form or variety of something.
2. **fatal** // (adjective): Causing or resulting in death.
3. **laboratory-confirmed** // (adjective): Confirmed through scientific testing in a controlled environment.
4. **symptoms** // (noun): Indications of a disease or medical condition.
5. **underlying** // (adjective): Existing beneath the surface not immediately apparent.
6. **vigilance** // (noun): Alert watchfulness to discover and avoid danger.

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which type of cancer affects the lymphatic system?  
Option: Breast cancer  
Option: Lung cancer  
Option: Lymphoma  
Option: Prostate cancer
2. Which parasite is associated with behavior changes in infected hosts?  
Option: Malaria parasite  
Option: Toxoplasma gondii  
Option: Hookworm  
Option: Tapeworm

### Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )

3. \_\_\_\_\_ is a natural biological process that occurs in women.
4. The doctor asked about any \_\_\_\_\_ the patient was experiencing.

### Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )

5. Toxoplasma gondii is known to influence the of its host.

6. Regular is essential to track changes in the patient's condition.



## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Lymphoma 2. Toxoplasma gondii

**Gap-Fill:** 3. Menopause 4. symptoms

**Matching sentence:** 1. behavior 2. monitoring

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