

influenza and prevent antigenic shift. It will take 2-4 months to develop a vaccine for the new strain.

Toll so far in humans

As of 16 February 20 cases (14 fatal) have been reported from Vietnam. As of 20 February, the Ministry of Health in Thailand has reported 7 deaths in 9 confirmed cases. They are further investigating 147 suspicious cases.

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Pedscapes

Health Protection Agency of UK - <http://www.hpa.org.uk/infections/default.htm>

This website, sponsored by the UK Government, is dedicated to control of infectious diseases. The website contains information on various infectious diseases, emergency response to outbreaks, communicable disease surveillance, bioinformatics, publications including the CDR weekly and the "communicable disease and public health", updates on selected diseases, guidelines and links to other infectious disease resources.

Fact sheets from National foundation for Infectious Diseases(USA) -<http://www.nfid.org/factsheets/>

Information about information infectious diseases is presented in a simple format in this

website. The website also contains a CME section and online publications including the "Clinical updates in Pediatric infectious diseases".

Department of Health expert advisory group on AIDS(UK) - <http://www.doh.gov.uk/eaga/publications.htm>

This website contains latest guidelines on management of HIV including HIV and infant feeding, post-exposure prophylaxis and screening for infectious diseases in pregnancy.

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