

Bird Flu Crisis: D.C. Summit to Tackle Mass Fatality Planning

We are being told that it is just a matter of time before there is a bird flu pandemic among humans. We are also being told that the death rate during such a pandemic could be “somewhere between 25 and 50 percent”, and that should deeply alarm all of us. We have already seen the intense fear that a pandemic with a death rate of far less than 1 percent can cause. Can you imagine what a pandemic with a death rate of “somewhere between 25 and 50 percent” would look like?

Many of us don't even want to think about going through another major pandemic, but one may be coming anyway.

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Right now, many among the elite are deeply focused on the threat that the bird flu poses. An “International Bird Flu Summit” will be held in Washington D.C. from October 2nd to October 4th, and according to the official brochure for the event they will be discussing “a highly virulent strain of bird flu affecting both cattle and humans.”

Welcome to the International Bird Flu Summit, where we address the pressing concerns surrounding the recent developments in avian influenza. With the emergence of a highly virulent strain of bird flu affecting both cattle and humans, it is imperative that we come together to discuss preparedness, response strategies, and the future implications of this evolving situation.

A bird flu pandemic would be far worse than anything that we have been through so far. On the list of topics for this summit, the very first one is “mass fatality management planning.”

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Personally, I have never heard a talk on mass fatality management planning. I don't suppose that such a talk would be especially cheerful.

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Unfortunately, if H5N1 starts spreading widely among humans, there will be a lot of deaths.

Former CDC director Robert Redfield recently told NewsNation that he believes that a bird flu pandemic is coming and that the death rate will be “somewhere between 25 and 50 percent.”

A bird flu pandemic is inevitable – and it's only a matter of

time before it strikes, according to former Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Robert Redfield.

Redfield's comments come amid mounting concerns over the detection of the virus in dozens of cattle herds across the United States and the first reported human death in Mexico.

In a recent interview with NewsNation, Redfield expressed his belief that a bird flu pandemic is a high likely. "I really do think it's very likely that we will, at some time," he said. "It's not a question of if; it's more of a question of when we will have a bird flu pandemic." He emphasized the significant mortality rate associated with the virus, with an estimation of a mortality rate of "somewhere between 25 and 50 percent," in contrast to the 0.6 percent death rate observed in the Covid-19 pandemic.

Over the past two years, we have already seen more than 100 million birds get wiped out, and now mammals all over the planet are getting infected in large numbers. So far, very few humans have caught the disease, and we should be very thankful for that.

But in early July we did learn that a farm worker has become the fourth confirmed case here in the United States.

A Colorado dairy farm worker is the nation's fourth person to test positive for the highly contagious H5N1 bird flu virus, the Centers for Disease Control announced Wednesday.

The infected worker is employed on a dairy farm where cows tested positive for H5N1 and is the first person in Colorado to be infected by the bird flu.

The other three people who also have tested positive for the bird flu also work on dairy farms where cows tested positive for the virus.

Should we start bracing ourselves for the worst? I don't know.

One recent study that was conducted on "humanized mice" and ferrets produced some very chilling results.

Researchers from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, and two Japanese universities studied how H5N1 has evolved since the March outbreak by infecting humanized mice and ferrets in experiments funded by the National Institutes of Health.

Ferrets develop similar respiratory tract infections to humans and develop similar clinical symptoms, making them good models for understanding flu transmission patterns.

When infected by directly inserting virus particles into their noses, both mice and ferrets developed respiratory symptoms.

But even though H5N1 has mutated in alarming ways, right now there is no evidence that human to human transmission is taking place.

Unfortunately, authorities in some countries are not taking any chances and have started to implement measures that are quite dramatic.

Workers at poultry and fur farms in Finland will, in the coming days, receive vaccines against bird flu. Fourteen other eu countries have signed up to procure bird-flu vaccines through a programme set up by the European Commission. America's government has also bought vaccines in anticipation of a pandemic. And it recently commissioned Moderna, a pharmaceutical company, to create an mrna bird-flu vaccine using a technology that was effective in protecting against covid-19.

Hopefully nothing will happen. Hopefully there will not be a

bird flu pandemic. Because after all of the pain and suffering that the last one caused, most of us don't want to ever go through something like that ever again.

Sadly, we live at a time when scientists are playing around with the most deadly bugs ever known to humanity in secret labs all over the planet, and once a bug gets loose, it can spread across the globe in the blink of an eye.

As my regular readers already know, I believe that worldwide pestilences will be a major theme during the years that are ahead of us.

I don't know if the bird flu will be one of those pestilences, but I will be watching it very carefully.

Because once widespread human to human transmission of the bird flu is confirmed, everything will change.

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