

## WHO Pandemic Alert System - Status: Phase 5

The current WHO phase of pandemic alert is 5. Phase 5 is characterized by verified human-to-human transmission of an animal or human-animal influenza virus able to cause “community-level outbreaks. Phase 5 indicates a significant increase in risk of a pandemic but does not necessarily mean that a pandemic is a foregone conclusion.

[http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian\\_influenza/phase/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/phase/en/index.html)

The U.S. government is investigating the outbreak of Swine flu across several states. For more information go to <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>