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Bird Flu is not a dire threat to humans just yet

By Amy Maxmen
via South Dakota Searchlight

Headlines are flying after the Department of Agriculture confirmed that the H5N1 bird flu virus has infected dairy cows around the country. Tests have detected the virus among cattle in nine states, mainly in Texas and New Mexico, and most recently in Colorado, said Nirav Shah, principal deputy director at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, at a May 1 event held by the Council on Foreign Relations.

A menagerie of other animals have been infected by H5N1, and at least one person in Texas. But what scientists fear most is if the virus were to spread efficiently from person to person. That hasn't happened and might not. Shah said the CDC considers the H5N1 outbreak "a low risk to the general public at this time."

Viruses evolve and outbreaks can shift quickly. "As with any major outbreak, this is moving at the speed of a bullet train," Shah said. "What we'll be talking about is a snapshot of that fast-moving train." What he means is that what's known about the H5N1 bird flu today will undoubtedly change.

With that in mind, KFF Health News explains what you need to know now.

Q: Who gets the bird flu?

Mainly birds. Over the past few years, however, the H5N1 bird flu virus has increasingly jumped from birds into mammals around the world. The growing list of more than 50 species includes seals, goats, skunks, cats, and wild bush dogs at a zoo in the United Kingdom. At least 24,000 sea lions died in outbreaks of H5N1 bird flu in South America last year.

What makes the current outbreak in cattle unusual is that it's spreading rapidly from cow to cow, whereas

the other cases — except for the sea lion infections — appear limited. Researchers know this because genetic sequences of the H5N1 viruses drawn from cattle this year were nearly identical to one another.

The cattle outbreak is also concerning because the country has been caught off guard. Researchers examining the virus's genomes suggest it originally spilled over from birds into cows late last year in Texas, and has since spread among many more cows than have been tested. "Our analyses show this has been circulating in cows for four months or so, under our noses," said Michael Worobey, an evolutionary biologist at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Q: Is this the start of the next pandemic?

Not yet. But it's a thought worth considering because a bird flu pandemic would be a nightmare. More than half of people infected by older strains of H5N1 bird flu viruses from 2003 to 2016 died. Even if death rates turn out to be less severe for the H5N1 strain currently circulating in cattle, repercussions could involve loads of sick people and hospitals too overwhelmed to handle other medical emergencies.

Although at least one person has been infected with H5N1 this year, the virus can't lead to a pandemic in its current state. To achieve that horrible status, a pathogen needs to sicken many people on multiple continents. And to do that, the H5N1 virus would need to infect a ton of people. That won't happen through occasional spillovers of the virus from farm animals into people. Rather, the virus must acquire mutations for it to spread from person to person, like the seasonal flu, as a respiratory infection transmitted largely through the air as people cough, sneeze, and breathe.

As we learned in the depths of covid-19, airborne viruses are hard to stop.

That hasn't happened yet. However, H5N1 viruses now have plenty of chances to evolve as they replicate within thousands of cows. Like all viruses, they mutate as they replicate, and mutations that improve the virus's survival are passed to the next generation. And because cows are mammals, the viruses could be getting better at thriving within cells that are closer to ours than birds'.

The evolution of a pandemic-ready bird flu virus could be aided by a sort of superpower possessed by many viruses. Namely, they sometimes swap their genes with other strains in a process called reassortment. In a study published in 2009, Worobey and other researchers traced the origin of the H1N1 "swine flu" pandemic to events in which different viruses causing the swine flu, bird flu, and human flu mixed and matched their genes within pigs that they were simultaneously infecting. Pigs need not be involved this time around, Worobey warned.

Q: Will a pandemic start if a person drinks virus-contaminated milk?

Not yet. Cow's milk, as well as powdered milk and infant formula, sold in stores is considered safe because the law requires all milk sold commercially to be pasteurized. That process of heating milk at high temperatures kills bacteria, viruses, and other teeny organisms. Tests have identified fragments of H5N1 viruses in milk from grocery stores but confirm that the virus bits are dead and, therefore, harmless.

Unpasteurized "raw" milk, however, has been shown to contain living H5N1 viruses, which is why the FDA and other health authorities strongly advise people not to drink it. Doing so could cause a person to become seriously ill or worse. But even then, a pandemic is unlikely to be sparked because the virus — in its current form — does not spread efficiently from person to person, as the seasonal flu does.

Q: What should be done?

A lot! Because of a lack of surveillance, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and other agencies have allowed the H5N1 bird flu to spread under the radar in cattle. To get a handle on the situation, the USDA recently ordered all lactating dairy cattle to be tested before farmers move them to other states, and the outcomes of the tests to be reported.

But just as restricting covid tests to international travelers in early 2020 allowed the coronavirus to spread undetected, testing only cows that move across state lines would miss plenty of cases.

Such limited testing won't reveal how the virus is spreading among cattle — information desperately needed so farmers can stop it. A leading hypothesis is that viruses are being transferred from one cow to the next through the machines used to milk them.

To boost testing, Fred Gingrich, executive director of a nonprofit organization for farm veterinarians, the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, said the government should offer funds to cattle farmers who report cases so that they have an incentive to test. Barring that, he said, reporting just adds reputational damage atop financial loss.

"These outbreaks have a significant economic impact," Gingrich said. "Farmers lose about 20 percent of their milk production in an outbreak because animals quit eating, produce less milk, and some of that milk is abnormal and then can't be sold."

The government has made the H5N1 tests free

for farmers, Gingrich added, but they haven't budgeted money for veterinarians who must sample the cows, transport samples, and file paperwork. "Tests are the least expensive part," he said.

If testing on farms remains elusive, evolutionary virologists can still learn a lot by analyzing genomic sequences from H5N1 viruses sampled from cattle. The differences between sequences tell a story about where and when the current outbreak began, the path it travels, and whether the viruses are acquiring mutations that pose a threat to people. Yet this vital research has been hampered by the USDA's slow and incomplete posting of genetic data, Worobey said.

The government should also help poultry farmers prevent H5N1 outbreaks since those kill many birds and pose a constant threat of spillover, said Maurice Pitesky, an avian disease specialist at the University of California-Davis.

Waterfowl like ducks and geese are the usual sources of outbreaks on poultry farms, and researchers can detect their proximity using remote sensing and other technologies. By zeroing in on zones of potential spillover, farmers can target their attention. That can mean routine surveillance to detect early signs of infections in poultry, using water cannons to shoo away migrating flocks, relocating farm animals, or temporarily ushering them into barns. "We should be spending on prevention," Pitesky said.

Q: OK it's not a pandemic, but what could happen to people who get this year's H5N1 bird flu?

No one really knows. Only one person in Texas has been diagnosed with the disease this year, in April. This person worked closely with dairy cows, and had a mild case with an eye infection. The CDC found out about them because of its surveillance process. Clinics are supposed to alert state health departments when they diagnose farmworkers with the flu, using tests that detect influenza viruses, broadly. State health departments then confirm the test, and if it's positive, they send a person's sample to a CDC laboratory, where it is checked for the H5N1 virus, specifically. "Thus far we have received 23," Shah said. "All but one of those was negative."

State health department officials are also monitoring around 150 people, he said, who have spent time around cattle. They're checking in with these farmworkers via phone calls, text messages, or in-person visits to see if they develop symptoms. And if that happens, they'll be tested.

Another way to assess farmworkers would be to check their blood for antibodies against the H5N1 bird flu virus; a positive result would indicate they might have been unknowingly infected. But Shah said health officials are not yet doing this work.

"The fact that we're four months in and haven't done this isn't a good sign," Worobey said. "I'm not super worried about a pandemic at the moment, but we should start acting like we don't want it to happen."

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LIVE MUSIC - LOCAL EVENTS

Wednesday 5-8

Men's Breakfast Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
7:30 AM

Driver's License Exams
Custer County Courthouse
Annex Pine Room
Custer, SD
8 AM to 5 PM

Custer County Commission
Custer County Courthouse
Custer, SD
8 AM

Annual Custer Y's Men Rummage Sale
Custer YMCA
Custer, SD
8 AM to 7 PM

Custer Area Economic Development Corp.
Black Hills Energy
Custer, SD
8:30 AM

Seniors Functional Fitness
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Women's Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
10 AM

Seniors Bridge Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 3 PM

Friends of the Hill City Library: Friends Host Author Linda Hasselstrom
Super 8 Conference Room
Hill City, SD
10:15 AM

BOLT
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
3:20 PM

The Landing
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
4:30 PM

Artful Dinner Featuring Paul Horsted
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
5-8 PM
\$50

Disciples of God
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Hermosa, SD
5:30 PM

Middle School & High School Youth Group
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
5:40 PM

Crossroads Church Xtreme Youth Group
Crossroads Church
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

Thursday 5-9

Annual Custer Y's Men Rummage Sale
Custer YMCA
Custer, SD
8 AM to 7 PM

Women's Bible Study Fellowship
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
8:30 AM

Prairie Hills Transit Q&A Session
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10 AM

Custer Recreation and Wellness Team Healthy Lunch
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
Noon to 2 PM

Seniors Hand & Foot Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
1 PM

Joint Southern Hills Attractions Meeting & Lit Swap
Crazy Horse Memorial
Custer, SD
1-4 PM

Imagination Club
Hill City Public Library Kid's Annex
Hill City, SD
3:15 PM

Tony DuBlois, Musical Savant *LIVE*
The Hills Finest
Custer, SD
5-8 PM

Trivia Night
HippieRockStar Boutique
Wine & Beer Bar
Hill City, SD
6 PM

ADD/ADHD Support Group
Monument Health
Custer Hospital
Custer, SD
6:30 PM



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE — The Custer Y's Men Rummage Sale continues this week. The sale is one of Custer YMCA's major fundraisers during the course of the year. The sale continues through this weekend. [Submitted Photo]

Luke Callen *LIVE*
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
7-9 PM

Civil Air Patrol
Custer County Airport
Custer, SD
7 PM

Friday 5-10

Annual Custer Y's Men Rummage Sale
Custer YMCA
Custer, SD
8 AM to 7 PM

Seniors Birthday Coffee Club
Hill City Center Small Room
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Community Food Pantry
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
9 AM - 11 AM

Hill City Seniors Flow & Relax Yoga
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Story Time
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
10 AM

Show & Share Showcase
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
10 AM

Story Time
Hill City Public Library Kid's Annex
Hill City, SD
9:30 AM

Wellness Support Group
Monument Health Custer County Library
Custer, SD
2 PM

Macrame Gnome Building Workshop
HippieRockStar Boutique
Wine & Beer Bar
Hill City, SD
6 PM
\$20

Celebrate Recovery
Crossroads Church
Custer, SD
Meal at 6 PM
Lesson at 6:30 PM

Dakota Country Band *LIVE*
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
7-9 PM

Saturday 5-11

Yes, We're Open: Shopping is the Key to Mom's Heart
Keystone, SD

Annual Custer Y's Men Rummage Sale
Custer YMCA
Custer, SD
8 AM to Noon

Black Hills Playhouse Cleanup Day
Black Hills Playhouse
Custer, SD
9 AM to 3 PM

Coffee with the Mayor
Elizabeth's Coffee Company
Hill City, SD
10 AM



CHESS CLUB — A chess club has formed in Custer County, and meets the second and fourth Saturday of the month at the Pringle Community Center. Chess players of all skill levels are encouraged to attend, from beginners to grand masters. The club meets from 5-7 p.m. [Submitted Photo]

Monday 5-13

Community Food Pantry
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
9 AM - 11 AM

Seniors Functional Fitness
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Hill City Seniors Chair Yoga
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10:30 AM

Custer Rotary Club
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
Noon

Hill City Seniors Mahjong
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
1-3 PM

Arbor Day Tree Planting
Custer Elementary School
Custer, SD
2:30 PM

Arbor Day Tree Planting
Custer Bark Park
Custer, SD
4 PM

Hill City Common Council Meeting
City Hall
Hill City, SD
5:30 PM

Custer School District Board of Education
School District Administration Building
Custer, SD
5:30 PM Budget Hearing
6 PM Regular Meeting

Hill City School Board Meeting
High School Board Room
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Chick Chat and Crafts
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6:30 PM

Hermosa Arts and History Association
Hermosa Town Hall
Hermosa, SD
6:30 PM

AA Meeting
Lighthouse Assembly of God
Hill City, SD
7 PM

Tuesday 5-14

Hill City Seniors Flow & Relax Yoga
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10:30 AM

Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting
Visitor Information Center
Hill City, SD
12 PM

Zonta
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
1 PM

Seniors Hand & Foot Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
1-3 PM

Seniors Knitting & Crocheting Group
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
1-3 PM

Meet the Candidates Night
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
Ward 1: 6 PM
Ward 2: 6:40 PM
Mayor 7:20 PM

Celebrate Recovery
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
5:45 PM

Variety Show
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

Custer Meet & Eat
Custer Community Church
Custer, SD
5-7 PM

Pringle Town Board
Pringle Community Center
470 Railway St.
Pringle, SD
7 PM

Elk Mountain School District Board of Education
Elk Mountain School
Dewey, SD
7 PM

Wednesday 5-15

Men's Breakfast Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
7:30 AM

Driver's License Exams
Custer County Courthouse
Annex Pine Room
Custer, SD
8 AM to 5 PM

Seniors Functional Fitness
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Custer County Library Board Meeting
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
10 AM

Seniors Bridge Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 3 PM

Seniors Board Meeting
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
10 AM

Keystone Tow Board Meeting
Fairburn Civic Center
Fairburn, SD
7 PM

Disciples of God
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Hermosa, SD
5:30 PM

Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Crossroads Church Xtreme Youth Group
Crossroads Church
Custer, SD
6:30 PM

Bingo
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
6:30-8 PM

Fairburn Town Board
Custer Senior Center
Custer, SD
Noon

Thursday 5-16

Seniors Foot Clinic
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM - 12 PM

Seniors Hand & Foot Card Games
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
1 PM

Custer County Library Foundation Meeting
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
1 PM

Hermosa/Fairburn Food Bank
Hermosa Town Hall
Hermosa, SD
3-5 PM

Imagination Club
Hill City Public Library Kid's Annex
Hill City, SD
3:15 PM

Tony DuBlois, Musical Savant *LIVE*
The Hills Finest
Custer, SD
5-8 PM

Custer Area Chamber of Commerce Mixer
Custer's Last Stop
Custer, SD
5-7 PM

Trivia Night
HippieRockStar Boutique
Wine & Beer Bar
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Legion Meeting
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
6 PM

Custer County Democrats
Custer County Courthouse
Annex Pine Room
Custer, SD
6 PM

Kindergarten Program
Custer Jr./Sr. High
School Theatre
Custer, SD
7 PM

Civil Air Patrol
Custer County Airport
Custer, SD
7 PM

Friday 5-17

Sound of Silence Tesla Rally
Downtown Custer

Seniors Coffee Club
Hill City Center Small Room
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Community Food Pantry
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
9 AM - 11 AM

Hill City Seniors Flow & Relax Yoga
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
9 AM

Story Time
Hill City Public Library Kid's Annex
Hill City, SD
9:30 AM

Show & Share Showcase
Custer County Library
Custer, SD
10 AM

Brent Morris *LIVE*
Lemongrass
Hill City, SD
5 PM

Seniors Potluck & Game Night
Hill City Center
Hill City, SD
5:30-8 PM

Celebrate Recovery
Crossroads Church
Custer, SD
Meal at 6 PM
Lesson at 6:30 PM

Bodhi Linde *LIVE*
Sprockets Fun Foundry
Keystone, SD
6 PM

Black Hills Storytellers
Custer County Courthouse
Annex Pine Room
Custer, SD
7 PM

Bingo
Hermosa American Legion
Hermosa, SD
7-9 PM

Saturday 5-18

Sound of Silence Tesla Rally
Downtown Custer

Yes, We're Open: World Whiskey Day
Keystone, SD

Black Hills Biker Blessing
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
9 AM

25th Anniversary Celebration
Prairie Berry Winery
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 7 PM

Coffee with the Mayor
Elizabeth's Coffee Company
Hill City, SD
10 AM

Skyline String Band *LIVE*
Prairie Berry Winery
Hill City, SD
1-3 PM

Sip & Plant Succulent Workshop with Mystic Plant Co.
Addie Camp General Store
Hill City, SD
1-3:30 PM

Custer High School Graduation
Custer Armory
Custer, SD
2 PM

Grand Re-Opening and New Artist Reception
ArtForms Gallery
Hill City, SD
3-7 PM

Brent Morris *LIVE*
Lemongrass
Hill City, SD
3:30 PM

Custer High School Graduation Celebration
Custer Beacon
Custer, SD
4-7 PM

Tony DuBlois, Musical Savant *LIVE*
The Hills Finest
Custer, SD
5-8 PM

Buffalo Gap Community Dance *LIVE*
Buffalo Gap Community Center
Buffalo Gap, SD
7 PM

Sunday 5-19

Sound of Silence Tesla Rally
Downtown Custer

Yes, We're Open: World Whiskey Day
Keystone, SD

Craft Beer & Bingo
Miner Brewing Company
Hill City, SD
10 AM - 7 PM

Adult Bible Study
The Little White Church
Hill City, SD
4-5:30 PM

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