



Bird flu detected in dairy worker

Case in patient who had contact with sick cattle alarms disease trackers

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A dairy worker in Texas is being treated for bird flu, only the second human case in the United States of an illness caused by a highly virulent virus that has recently rampaged through dairy cows in five states, federal and state officials said Monday.

The patient, who experienced eye inflammation as the only symptom, was tested for flu late last week, with confirmatory testing performed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention over the weekend. The patient was told to isolate and is being treated with oseltamivir, an antiviral drug sold under the brand name Tamiflu. The newly emerged case does not change the risk for the general public, which remains low, federal officials said.

“The patient worked directly with sick cows at a dairy, so the virus was most likely transmitted through that close contact,” said Chris Van Deusen, a spokesman for the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The case has alarmed disease trackers monitoring for the worst-case scenario: human-to-human transmission of the pathogen, which has happened infrequently worldwide, typically among family members engaged in work with animals. And it raises questions about whether this pathogen is now more easily transmitted among mammals.

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Soldiers in Israel’s navy special forces stand guard inside a building at the edge of the al-Shifa Hospital complex in Gaza City during a visit organized Sunday by the Israel Defense Forces for foreign journalists, including a Washington Post writer and photographer.

Inside the ruins of al-Shifa Hospital

Escorted in Gaza by the IDF, Post journalists were given a narrow view of its mass destruction

GAZA CITY — Gaza’s largest hospital has been gutted. Combat bulldozers have moved sand into the courtyards. The buildings are scorched. It smells like death. Israeli commandos pulled out before dawn on Monday.

A sprawling medical campus that housed maternity wards, surgery suites and emergency rooms has been mostly destroyed after two weeks of intense assault by Israeli troops battling Hamas militants who Israel said were barricading themselves inside the complex.

Spokesmen for the Israel Defense Forces brought a handful of foreign journalists

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into the compound Sunday afternoon, just hours before the last special forces troops withdrew. A reporter and photographer from The Washington Post were there.

The IDF offered a narrow view — a pinhole, really — but what we saw was destruction on a massive scale. Military censors did not review our words or photos.

It is hard to overstate the importance of al-Shifa, where the dueling narratives of this war have converged.

The hospital has served as a beacon of refuge and resilience for Palestinians. The Israelis described it as a mustering point and command center for terrorists who used the doctors and patients as human shields.

The staff who have toiled at al-Shifa said they just wanted to care for the sick and wounded. “We are doctors: Our job is to treat people. We have nothing to do with this,” said Amr Fawzi Jedbah, a 31-year-old

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Top Fla. court allows 6-week ban on abortion

Rule takes effect in May; effort to enshrine right in constitution is on ballot

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Florida’s conservative Supreme Court ruled Monday that the state’s constitution does not protect abortion rights, allowing one of the country’s strictest and most far-reaching abortion bans to take effect May 1.

But in a separate decision, the high court also ruled that an amendment to enshrine abortion rights in the state’s constitution can go on the November ballot, for a vote that could undo the ban in a matter of months.

Together, the two rulings will ensure that abortion is a major issue in Florida during the presidential election — with Floridians experiencing the realities of a six-week abortion ban for six months before they have the opportunity to cast a vote on the issue.

“Today’s rulings prove exactly what is at stake at the ballot box,” said Nikki Fried, the chair of the

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A slow build

Riley Adams hit a two-run home run to tie the score in the seventh inning, but the Nationals faded in their home opener Monday, losing to the Pittsburgh Pirates, 8-4. **Story, D1**

ELECTION 2024

After tactical backfire, GOP aims for revival of small donations

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In the years after Donald Trump lost the presidency to Joe Biden, Trump sent so many emails and text messages asking for money that Republican consultants warned his mailing lists

could become useless. The former president’s friends told him that they were being asked for too much, too often, and Trump himself ordered aides at one point to slow the solicitations. Some of his fans, pockets emptied, mailed handwritten letters apologizing for not being able to give more.

Now, as Trump and Biden prepare for a rematch, Trump’s vaunted small-dollar fundraising operation is not bringing in as much money as it once did.

In 2020, Trump and his fundraising committees raised a record \$626.6 million from small-dollar donors, 35 percent more than Biden took in from that

group.

But last year, Trump raised just \$51 million from small donors, way down from the \$119 million he registered in 2019 and only 18 percent more than Biden’s total. His small-dollar haul — which includes donations of \$200 or less — was not nearly enough to offset Biden’s lead among major

donors.

The Republican National Committee also raised much less money from small-dollar donors in 2023 than it had in 2019, contributing to budget problems for the party. Officials at the National Republican Senatorial Committee were shocked by the

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Wes Moore

said he felt heartbreak. And while he believed the team he had built could meet the moment, he said that the path ahead is

“daunting.”

The first major test of his first term in public office had nearly severed the economic artery to Maryland’s largest and most troubled city — his own adopted hometown. Baltimore had been on the rise, and he had promised to help usher in a renaissance. Months

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