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Boy, 5, killed by bird flu amid new outbreaks

A FIVE-YEAR-OLD boy has become the second person to die from bird flu in Thailand in as many months.

Vietnam has also announced two new outbreaks and China its fifth human case amid concern that infection rates could soar this winter.

Today, Thai health chiefs said lab tests showed the boy died from the H5N1 strain of bird flu, which experts fear could trigger a human pandemic if it mutates into a form easily passed between people.

The boy, from the Nakhon Nayok province district about 45 miles north-east of the capital of Bangkok, fell ill nine days before being taken to hospital.

- Poultry keepers in the UK must list their birds on a central register as an avian flu control measure from today. Commercial poultry owners with 50 birds or more have just under 12 weeks to sign up to the mandatory scheme.

Web links

- [Dept of Health - pandemic flu](http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/EmergencyPlanning/PandemicFlu/fs/en)
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/EmergencyPlanning/PandemicFlu/fs/en>
- [WHO - Bird Flu fact sheet](http://www.who.int/csr/don/2004_01_15/en/)
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