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Finland to Offer Bird Flu Vaccine Despite Lack of Safety Testing and Human Infections

Finland plans to vaccinate 10,000 "high-risk" individuals against the H5N8 strain of bird flu. Critics warn of potential dangers from the untested vaccine and question the necessity given the absence of human infections in the country.

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Finland is set to become the first country in the world to offer **bird flu vaccinations to humans**, sparking a heated debate about vaccine safety and necessity.

The Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (Terveyden ja hyvinvoinnin laitos or **THL**) announced plans to begin administering H5N8 **bird flu** vaccines to select groups as early as next week, despite the absence of human infections in the country.

The unprecedented move comes as global **health** experts express conflicting views on the threat posed by avian influenza. While Finnish officials cite the need for preemptive protection, critics argue the vaccination program is premature and potentially dangerous.

The Finnish announcement comes just two weeks after the European Commission Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (**HERA**) program announced the purchase of 665,000 doses of **CSL Seqirus' H5N8 avian influenza vaccine**, with an option to acquire another **40 million doses** over the next four years. HERA has already obtained 111 million doses of GSK's **bird flu vaccine**.

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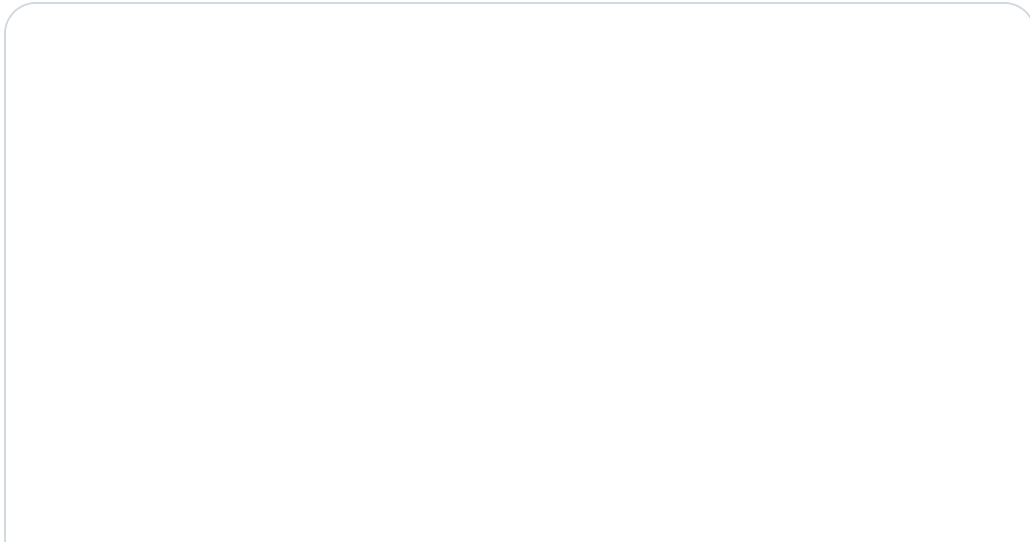


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Finland's vaccination plan

Finland plans to offer the CSL Seqirus H5N8 bird flu vaccine to approximately 10,000 people deemed at high risk of exposure to the virus.

Mia Kontio, a health security official at THL, told **STAT News** that the country was awaiting the arrival of 20,000 doses, with plans to administer them "as soon as the **vaccines** are in the country."

According to THL's press release, the **target groups for vaccination** include:

- Fur farm workers in contact with animals.
- Poultry workers in direct contact with birds.
- Veterinarians.
- Laboratory workers handling avian influenza samples.
- Bird ringers and those caring for wild birds.
- Workers in petting zoos and aviaries.

CSL Seqirus' vaccine received the European Union's **(EU) marketing authorization** in April. The vaccine requires a two-dose series, with the second dose administered at least three weeks after the first.

"The goal is to start vaccinations in the welfare areas as soon as possible, so that the two-dose vaccination series can be offered to the vaccinated before the start of the autumn flu season," said THL's expert doctor Anniina Virkku.

Besides protection from bird flu, the vaccination program aims to prevent simultaneous infection with the seasonal flu virus, "which could enable the emergence of a new type of virus."

THL noted that the vaccination program is targeted at high-risk groups and is not a blanket recommendation for the staff of facilities without contact with infected birds or animals.

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'U.S. has never had a fatal human case of bird flu'

The H5N1 strain of bird flu has caused widespread concern among government health authorities in recent years, leading to the culling of hundreds of millions of poultry globally, according to **Reuters**.

The virus has expanded its reach, affecting not only birds but also an increasing number of mammals, including cows in the U.S.

In 2023, Finland experienced large-scale deaths of wild birds due to bird flu virus infections, THL said. The virus also spread widely to fur farms, causing high morbidity and mortality in animals.

However, the Finnish Food Agency reported that bird flu cases in wild birds have significantly decreased in 2024 compared to the previous year.

Globally, human infections remain rare. Since December 2021, only eight cases of bird flu have been reported in humans worldwide, according to the **World Health Organization**.

In the U.S., three dairy workers were diagnosed with confirmed infections tied to the **recent outbreak among cattle**, all experiencing mild symptoms, according to STAT News.

Despite the low number of human cases, health authorities remain concerned about the virus's potential to mutate and become more transmissible between humans.

However, **Dr. Peter A. McCullough**, in his Substack post on Monday argued that even if the bird flu crossed to humans, it would be less dangerous. "Increased transmissibility of H5N1 has a tradeoff of decreased virulence," he wrote.

He said the alarming statistics on human mortality rates are from long-ago cases in Southeast Asia and that such concerns are "not appropriate" for today's strains.

Furthermore, the U.S. "has never had a fatal human case of bird flu," he said.



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A dangerous vaccine for a disease that does not exist'

Medical freedom advocates and health experts have voiced strong objections to the rapid deployment of the bird flu vaccine.

Internist and bioweapons expert Dr. Meryl Nass pointed out that the **product information** for the H5N8 bird flu vaccine recently purchased by the EU — the same one being deployed in Finland — includes no clinical data for this specific vaccine strain, meaning it has **not been tested in humans**.

STAT News reported that the **European Medicines Agency approved** the H5N8 bird flu vaccine based on immunogenicity studies rather than traditional efficacy trials, as the virus isn't currently circulating among humans.

Nass noted that scientists don't have a clear way to measure if the vaccine protects against H5 types of bird flu and that it's unclear whether the vaccine would work against other similar strains of the virus.

She called the product "a dangerous vaccine for a disease that does not exist."

Nass also noted that the vaccine contains the **adjuvant MF59C.1**, which includes squalene, polysorbate 80 and other compounds that could cause autoimmunity.

Jessica Rose, Ph.D., a vaccine analyst and biomathematics specialist, said she has several reservations about the program. "There's no need for this vaccine, and it poses dangers including tolerization and autoimmune reactions from molecular mimicry," she told **The Defender**.

Tolerization (or **immunological tolerance**) occurs when the immune system becomes less responsive to a particular antigen over time, potentially reducing the vaccine's effectiveness.

Molecular mimicry refers to similarities between vaccine components and human proteins, which could lead the immune system to mistakenly attack the body's own tissues, potentially triggering autoimmune disorders.

Rose also said, "Intramuscular injections are never the way to deal with pathogens that enter the body via respiration."

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McCullough warned that mass vaccination could lead to a “highly prevalent pandemic” because it “promotes resistant strains of the virus in the vaccinated.”

He suggested alternative strategies, including “dilute **iodine nasal sprays and gargles, oseltamivir, hydroxychloroquine** and other antivirals” for prevention and early treatment.

Geert Vanden Bossche, DVM, Ph.D., voiced similar concerns. He told The Defender, “Any large-scale vax program using whatever vaccine administered during a pandemic or a **panzootic** transmissible to humans is at risk of causing large-scale Ab-[antibody-]dependent enhancement of disease and large-scale immune escape!”

Antibody-dependent enhancement is a phenomenon where antibodies produced by the immune system in response to a vaccine or previous infection can worsen a subsequent infection. Instead of protecting against the virus, these antibodies can help the virus enter cells more easily, potentially leading to more severe illness.

Regarding Vanden Bossche’s concerns over immune escape, he made the same argument for the COVID-19 vaccines, claiming their administration during the SARS-CoV-2 outbreak caused the evolution of **more transmissible and dangerous viral variants**.

McCullough criticized what he called “fear-mongering promulgated by the Bio-Pharmaceutical Complex,” suggesting that it is “designed to promote mass vaccination of animals and humans with **lucrative pre-purchased contracts** to the vaccine manufacturers” and their nongovernmental organization sponsors.

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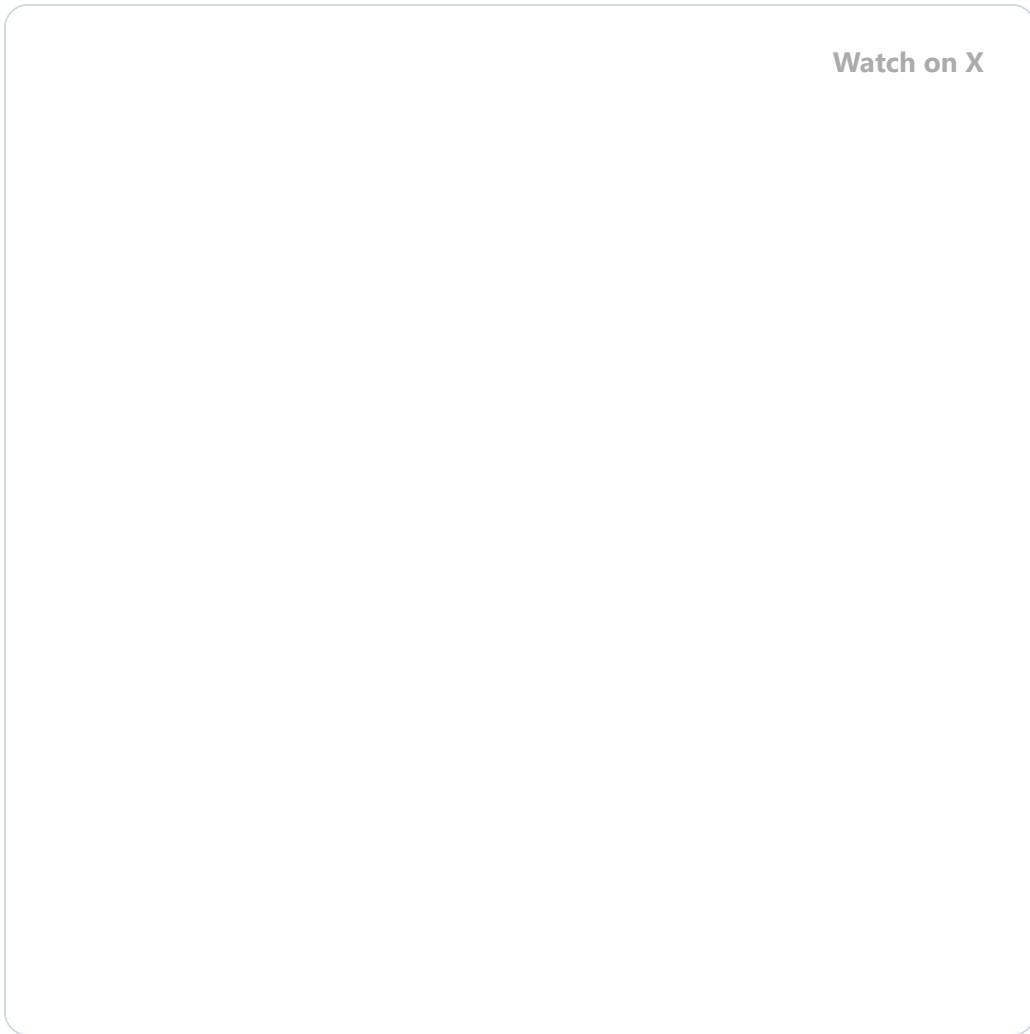
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