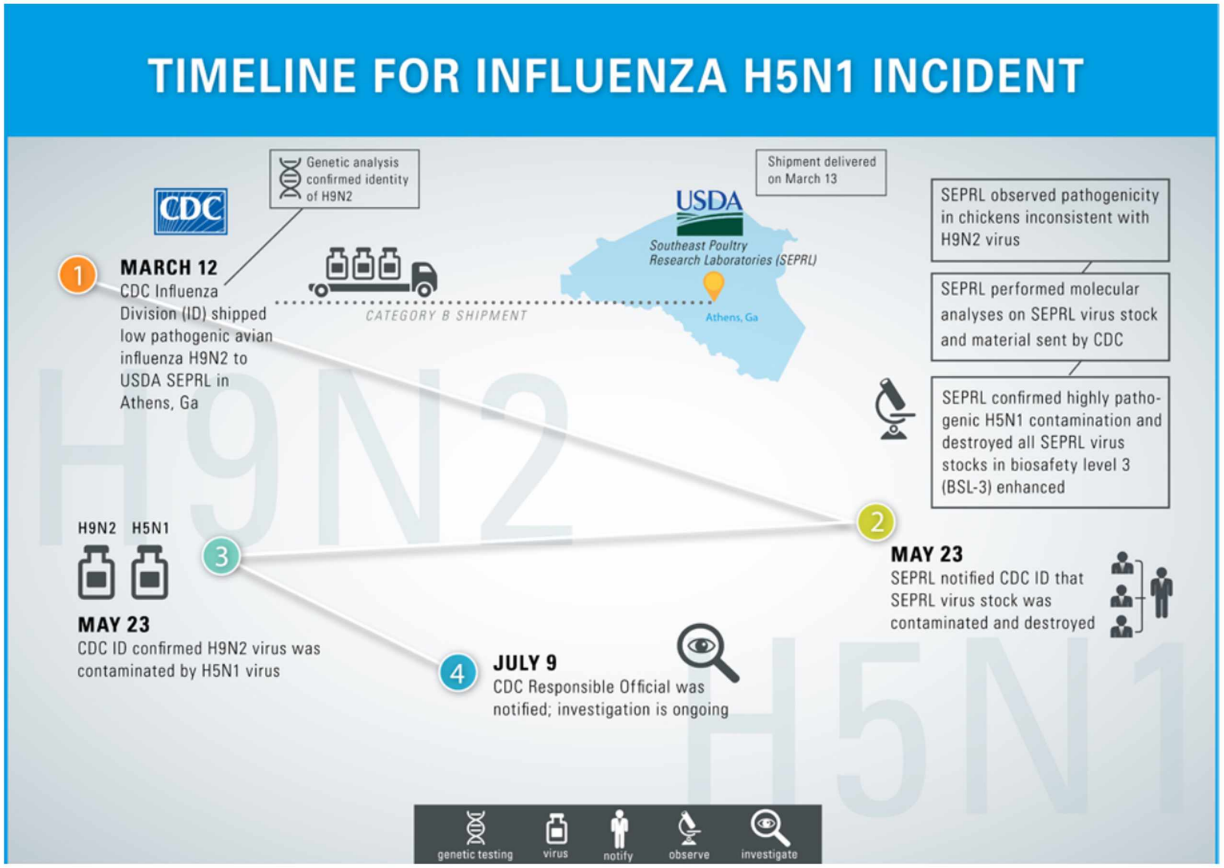
TIMELINE FOR INFLUENZA H5N1 INCIDENT
CDC
Genetic analysis confirmed identity of H9N2
Shipment delivered on March 13
USDA
Southeast Poultry Research Laboratories (SEPRL)
Athens, Ga
CATEGORY B SHIPMENT
1
MARCH 12
CDC Influenza Division (ID) shipped low pathogenic avian influenza H9N2 to USDA SEPRL in Athens, Ga
SEPRL observed pathogenicity in chickens inconsistent with H9N2 virus
SEPRL performed molecular analyses on SEPRL virus stock and material sent by CDC
SEPRL confirmed highly pathogenic H5N1 contamination and destroyed all SEPRL virus stocks in biosafety level 3 (BSL-3) enhanced
H9N2
2
MAY 23
SEPRL notified CDC ID that SEPRL virus stock was contaminated and destroyed
H9N2 H5N1
3
MAY 23
CDC ID confirmed H9N2 virus was contaminated by H5N1 virus
4
JULY 9
CDC Responsible Official was notified; investigation is ongoing
H5N1
genetic testing
virus
notify
observe
investigate