

## **Mainland Provinces of Jiangxi and Fujian Confirm First Cases of H7N9 Flu: MAC Expands Scope of Mainland Yellow Travel Alert to Seven Provinces and Two Cities**

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The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) stated today (April 26<sup>th</sup>) that the Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC) verified today the confirmation of first cases of H7N9 influenza in the Mainland's Jiangxi and Fujian provinces. The Center has listed the two provinces as H7N9 influenza infection areas and included them into the flu travel advisory Level-2 Alert, expanding the scope of the Level-2 Alert to the current seven provinces and two cities in the Mainland. The MAC has issued yellow travel alert as well for Jiangxi and Fujian provinces, based on resolutions made by the CECC.

The scope of the flu travel advisory Level-2 Alert now includes Shanghai, Beijing, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui, Henan, Shandong, Jiangxi and Fujian, with the MAC also including them into areas under yellow travel alert. The MAC hereby reminds citizens to be especially vigilant about travel safety, to reconsider travel plans, and to enhance self-care if travel to the said areas cannot be avoided.