

FEMA Wave 2 Script 1

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Pandemic continues into 2015 as increased violence grips the nation. You're watching VNN.

Good morning, I'm Greg Gist, live from VNN headquarters in New York City. The Pandemic that started last year continues into 2015. This first day of February, 48 states have reported cases of H3N2, mostly in working adults. While over 61 million vaccine doses have been utilized in the pandemic fight, the CDC estimates that 41 million to 57 million people had H3N2 between August 2014 and January 2015. Additionally, they estimate between 18,000 to 30,000 H3N2 related deaths have occurred.

CDC Official:

The Malta Flu is a variant of the H3N2 virus that originated from poultry farms across the country of Malta. It was reported early in August of 2014 to the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control. The first US case was diagnosed on August 15, 2014. Currently, a total of 82 countries have been affected by this strain, and in the United States; millions of cases have so far been reported.

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An unfortunate consequence has been an alarming uptick in robberies and burglaries at pharmacies and grocery stores across the country. As law enforcement agencies are affected by the pandemic and economic hardship worsens violent crime is on the rise.

FBI Official:

Unfortunately, as the Malta Flu is an airborne respiratory disease that is spread through means such as coughing, sneezing, or close personal contact, law enforcement agencies across the country have been disproportionately affected by this pandemic. In many major metropolitan areas, the National Guard has been deployed to augment law enforcement operations.

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The FBI also released the increases by category across the nation since November:

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Sobering. I'm Greg Gist, from VNN New York. Stay tuned for continuing coverage on the pandemic gripping the globe.