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1957	Asian flu pandemic caused by an H2N2 influenza virus, resulting in significant illness and deaths worldwide
1968	Hong Kong flu pandemic caused by an H3N2 influenza virus, leading to widespread illness and deaths
1976	Swine flu outbreak at Fort Dix in the United States leads to a vaccination campaign
1997	First recorded cases of avian influenza (H5N1) in humans in Hong Kong
2009	H1N1 influenza pandemic, also known as swine flu, spreads globally and leads to widespread illness and deaths
2013	Outbreak of H7N9 avian influenza in China, resulting in severe illness and deaths