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State of Alaska / Declaration of Emergency-----No Yes
 DHS & EM State Emergency Coordination Center -----No Yes
 DHSS Emergency Operations Center -----No Yes

The World Health Organization has increased the current pandemic alert level to Phase 6 in response to the ongoing global spread of the novel influenza A (H1N1) virus.

A Phase 6 designation indicates that a global pandemic is underway.

More than 70 countries are now reporting cases of human infection with novel H1N1 flu. This number has been increasing over the past few weeks, but many of the cases reportedly had links to travel or were localized outbreaks without community spread. The WHO designation of a pandemic alert Phase 6 reflects the fact that there are now ongoing community level outbreaks in multiple parts of world.

WHO's decision to raise the pandemic alert level to Phase 6 is a reflection of the spread of the virus, not the severity of illness caused by the virus.

11 June 2009 -- As of 14:00 GMT, 11 June 2009, 74 countries have officially reported 28,774 cases of influenza A(H1N1) infection, including 144 deaths.

United States: H1N1 virus has now been confirmed in all 50 states and two territories with **13,217 cases and 27 deaths.**

Alaska: First Anchorage novel H1N1 confirmed:

A 28-year-old Anchorage man became Anchorage's first confirmed case of the novel H1N1 flu virus. He reported feeling ill on June 1, 2009, swabbed for influenza at a clinic on June 3, and the sample tested positive for novel H1N1 on June 9.

State and local health officials are closely monitoring the presence of H1N1 in Alaska and are prepared to respond as appropriate.

2009 Alaska Laboratory Confirmed H1N1 Cases (Swine Flu)

Region	Cases
Anchorage/Mat-Su	1
Gulf Coast	0
Interior	8
Northern	0
Southeast	2
Southwest	0
Statewide	11

UA System status:

1. Conducting routine operations.
2. Monitoring both US national as well as international events related to the H1N1 pandemic.
3. Reviewing / revising/ developing pandemic plans within the UA system.
4. Providing weekly updates as the situation continues to develop.
5. Working on actionable items as part of current Incident Action Plan.

This information is being provided for situational awareness purposes. Updates will be provided as warranted.