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

UA System status: UA system continues to monitor swine flu information sources and participate in state level Multi Agency Coordination (MAC) group teleconference and at the local level via MAU Emergency Managers/designated personnel.

Background: On 23 Apr 09, the US Department of Health and Human Services and CDC reported 7 confirmed cases of a new subtype of Swine Influenza H1N1 in the US. Incubation period is 2-3 days.

United States

CDC is working very closely with officials in states where human cases of swine influenza A (H1N1) have been identified, as well as with health officials in Mexico, Canada and the World Health Organization. This includes deploying staff domestically and internationally to provide guidance and technical support.

- US (DHHS and DHS) have declared a National Emergency (more out of preparedness necessity to free up federal dollars and start moving national pharmaceutical stockpiles to affected states).
- **WHO Pandemic Activation Level**: Raised to **Level 4 as of yesterday. Situation may warrant increase to level 5 as an increased number of countries experience outbreak.**
- 5 states in the United States have confirmed cases (California, Texas, Ohio, Kansas, and New York)
- **64 individuals are confirmed to have the virus; an increase from 40 yesterday. 134 individuals are suspected to have contracted the virus, with an additional 36 listed as probable.**
- CDC's Division of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) is releasing one-quarter of its antiviral drugs, personal protective equipment, and respiratory protection devices to help states respond to the outbreak.
- Laboratory testing has found the swine influenza A (H1N1) virus susceptible to the prescription antiviral drugs oseltamivir and zanamivir.

Alaska

- No documented cases within the state of Alaska.
- DHSS continuing active surveillance for potential cases.
- Surveillance for Swine Flu has been increased statewide to include schools.
- Alaska DHSS **has** activated its Emergency Operations Center from 8-5 daily.
- Testing guidance for those who exhibit “flu like symptoms” remains restricted to those who have recently traveled from infected area or who may have come in contact with an infected individual (s).
- Current focus within state remains centered on preventive measures “Hand washing” and proper “Respiratory Etiquette” and a review of current plans.
- Recommendation remains for individuals should avoid non-essential travel to Mexico as a precaution to guard against contracting the swine flu.

Worldwide

- The following countries have reported laboratory confirmed cases with no deaths - Canada (6), New Zealand (3), the United Kingdom (2), Israel (2) and Spain (2).
- Mexico has reported 26 confirmed human cases of infection including seven deaths.
- The United States Government has reported 64 laboratory confirmed human cases, with no deaths.
- All viruses have the same genetic pattern based on preliminary testing. The virus is being described as a new subtype of A/H1N1 not previously detected in swine or humans.
- Mexico City has now closed all schools through May 5th -"cases will likely increase"

As of 1:00 PM ET, the CDC website reports 64 cases of Human Swine Flu Infection: <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/investigation.htm>

WHO Epidemic and Pandemic Alert & Response link:
http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html

WHO Pandemic Alert Levels Website: http://bit.ly/SZACp

Google World Swine Flu Influenza Map: http://bit.ly/P2mcc

Additional information regarding Swine Influenza H1N1 can be found at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/.

Future Actions:. The WHO Director-General has determined that the current events constitute a Public Health Emergency of international concern. Health and Human Services (HHS) discussed potential Declaration of Public Health Emergency on 26 Apr 09.

Other: Federal HHS has developed a Travel Health Advisory Notice. The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) is screening for the presence of H1N1 on swine and placed US pork producers on high alert for safety. The President of Mexico has declared a sanitary contingency, which authorizes the Minister of Health the authority to take necessary steps to respond. The CDC is monitoring the epidemiological patterns of transmission and working with the World Health Organization and State health officials in investigating the situation to make future decisions.

University of Alaska

- **Emergency Managers in concert with MAU Health Care Professionals are continuing to monitor the current outbreak.**
  - **Relevant Incident Pandemic Preparedness plans are currently under review and refinement to meet the needs of the current outbreak.**
  - **Informational campaigns are being developed and implemented at the MAU level to increase the awareness of the outbreak, provide guidance on proper preventive measures and to provide additional support as needed for community campuses.**
- **Health Care Professionals at MAU level participated in newly formed State level Multi Agency Coordination group medical update starting today.**

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