

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

**UA System status:** UA system continues to monitor H1N1 outbreak (swine flu) information sources and participate in state level Multi Agency Coordination (MAC) group teleconference and at the local level via MAU Emergency Managers and health care providers.

Ongoing activities:

- Public information campaigns focused on:
  - **Zero** cases of swine flu in Alaska to date.
  - Awareness and preventive measures—proper respiratory etiquette and hand washing.
  - Recommendation to suspend all non essential travel to affected areas (Mexico) due to CDC Health Travel Advisory to avoid all non essential travel to the country.
  - Need for proactive measures to protect and provide for our students, faculty, staff and visitors during the upcoming commencement period.
- Review/revision of current pandemic plans to address needs specific to the current outbreak.
- Liaison with local emergency management agencies.
- Publication of daily updates.
- Distributed CDC release on **H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) Infections Alert for Institutions of Higher Education** <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/college-alert.htm>
- Will work to track UAA student athletes who were at Western Oregon University when it was closed due to potential W. Oregon student who determined to have been potentially infected. UAA students have since departed to next campus as part of ongoing track and field competitions.
- Conducted Pandemic Planning Cell (PCC) meeting with various members of the UA campus community and collaborate on current efforts.

Future activities:

- Development of Critical Elements of Information (CIE) to support the development of decision points and their use by senior administrators.
- Establishment of a Pandemic Planning Cell.
- Institute a biweekly update between Emergency Managers, MAU Health Care Providers and other designated individuals.

**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: Remains at Level 5.
- **141** individuals are confirmed to have the virus; an increase from 109 yesterday. One death confirmed.

Arizona 4  
California 13  
Colorado 2  
Delaware 4  
Illinois 3  
Indiana 3  
Kansas 2  
Kentucky 1  
Massachusetts 2  
Michigan 2  
Minnesota 1  
Nebraska 1  
Nevada 1  
New Jersey 5  
New York 50  
Ohio 1  
South Carolina 16  
Texas 28 / 1 death  
Virginia 2

- CDC's Division of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) has released one-quarter of its strategic reserve for 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.
- Alaska DHSS has activated its Emergency Operations Center from 8-5 daily. They will continue teleconferences during the weekend and remain open from 8-5.
- DHSS and DHS & EM to establish Unified Command on Monday 4 May to monitor and communicate on matters relevant to current river watch and H1N1 operations.
- 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 to avoid non-essential travel to Mexico as a precaution to guard against contracting the swine flu.
- Guidance has been distributed to medical community to not utilize antiviral drugs for prophylactic purposes. It is to be utilized for treatment only—after consultation with DHSS Epidemiology representatives.
- CDC released today **H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) Infections Alert for Institutions of Higher Education** <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/college-alert.htm>
- Alaska allocation of Strategic Stockpile has arrived in State.

## Worldwide

- 1 May 2009 -- The situation continues to evolve rapidly. As of 06:00 GMT, 1 May 2009, 13 countries have officially reported 367 cases of influenza A (H1N1) infection.
- The following countries have reported laboratory confirmed cases with no deaths - Austria (1), Canada (34), China, Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region (1), Denmark (1), Germany (4), Israel (2), Netherlands (1), New Zealand (4), Spain (13), Switzerland (1) and the United Kingdom (8). Mexico has reported 156 confirmed human cases of infection, including nine deaths.
- The United States Government has reported 141 laboratory confirmed human cases, including one death.
- 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.

### CDC website::

<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.

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