

11 May, 2009

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: The UA system continues to operate Pandemic Preparedness Cell as part of ongoing activities.

Ongoing activities:

- Participated in Alaska Department of Health and Social Services telephone conference/guidance pertaining to port cities for cruise line industry.
- The next PPC teleconference will be tomorrow, Tuesday 12 May at 9 a.m. Conference call in toll-free number is: 800-893-8850 Participant pin: 9465540

Stress public information 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.
- Pandemic Preparedness Cell (PPC) is located in Room 106C Butrovich. Phone # 907 450-8159 after hours contact 907-750-1602 (Rick Forkel-UA Emergency Manager)
- Support the review and revision of current pandemic plans to address campus needs specific to the current outbreak.
- Provide timely updates.
- Continue to monitor news and information resources.

Note: Recommend that campuses continue to integrate precautionary measures at commencement ceremonies and other public gatherings and promote H1N1 awareness through:

- Providing hand sanitizer and hand wipes for participants and visitors.
- Posting and or providing appropriate signage/posters or flyers on how to prevent the spread of Influenza (recommend the use of Center for Disease Control information located at the Alerts page from the System Office of Risk Services homepage.
- Continue to reinforce that those who are sick are to remain at home to prevent the spread of the virus.

UA/EM Risk Services website: <http://www.alaska.edu/risksafety/alerts/swine-flu/index.xml>

Future activities:

- Continue to monitor current situation and modify plans in order to meet current pandemic situation.
- Start the review of campus pandemic plans.
- Propose pandemic preparedness seminars for our campuses.
 - ICS 402 for Executives
 - Continuity of Operations/Business Resumption Planning
 - Pan Flu Discussion Based Table Top Exercise (Community Agencies involved)

United States

- **2600** confirmed cases; increase of 961 since last Friday; with three confirmed deaths-**44** states affected.
- CDC has completed the deployment of 25% of the supplies in the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) to all states. These supplies and medicines will help states and U.S. territories respond to the H1N1 outbreak. In addition, the federal Government and manufacturers have begun the process of developing a vaccine against the novel H1N1 flu virus.

CDC H1N1 website: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>

Alaska

- **No** documented cases within the state of Alaska.
- Over the weekend it was reported that a crew member aboard a cruise ship had been confirmed positive for the H1N1 virus. The individual was isolated and treated about the cruise ship.
- Alaska allocation of Strategic National Stockpile has arrived in hub communities.
- Alaska DHSS and DHS & EM continues to operate as a Unified Command for both Operations River Watch and H1N1 outbreak.
- 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).
- Recommendation remains for individuals to avoid non-essential travel to Mexico as a precaution to guard against contracting the swine flu.

Alaska DHSS website: <http://www.hss.state.ak.us/>

Worldwide

- 11 May 2009 -- As of 06:00 GMT, 11 May 2009, 30 countries have officially reported 4694 cases of influenza A(H1N1) infection.
- Mexico has reported 1626 laboratory confirmed human cases of infection, including 48 deaths. The United States has reported 2532 laboratory confirmed human cases, including three deaths. Canada has reported 284 laboratory confirmed human cases, including one death. Costa Rica has reported eight laboratory confirmed human cases, including one death..
- The following countries have reported laboratory confirmed cases with no deaths - Argentina (1), Australia (1), Austria (1), Brazil (8), China (2, comprising 1 in China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and 1 in mainland China), Colombia (3), Denmark (1), El Salvador (4), France (13), Germany (11), Guatemala (1), Ireland (1), Israel (7), Italy (9), Japan (4), Netherlands (3), New Zealand (7), Norway (2), Panama (15), Poland (1), Portugal (1), Republic of Korea (3), Spain (95), Sweden (2), Switzerland (1) and the United Kingdom (47).
- WHO is not recommending travel restrictions related to the outbreak of the influenza A(H1N1) virus.

WHO website: <http://www.who.int/en/>

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