12 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:

- Consolidating pandemic plans from all campuses for review.
- Recommending continued emphasis on 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.

UA/EM Risk Services website: http://www.alaska.edu/risksafety/a_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

- 3009 confirmed cases; increase of 961 since last Friday; with three confirmed deaths-45 states affected.
- CDC anticipates that there will be more cases, more hospitalizations and more deaths associated with this new virus in the coming days and weeks because the population has little to no immunity against it.
- It’s thought that novel influenza A (H1N1) flu spreads in the same way that regular seasonal influenza viruses spread; mainly through the coughs and sneezes of people who are sick with the virus.

CDC H1N1 website: http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/
Alaska

- No documented cases within the state of Alaska.
- 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/](http://www.hss.state.ak.us/)

Worldwide

- 12 May 2009 -- As of 06:00 GMT, 12 May 2009, 30 countries have officially reported 5251 cases of influenza A(H1N1) infection.
- Mexico has reported 2059 laboratory confirmed human cases of infection, including 56 deaths. The United States has reported 2600 laboratory confirmed human cases, including three deaths. Canada has reported 330 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 (12), Guatemala (1), Ireland (1), Israel (7), Italy (9), Japan (4), Netherlands
(3), New Zealand (7), Norway (2), Panama (16), Poland (1), Portugal (1), Republic of Korea (3), Spain (95), Sweden (2), Switzerland (1) and the United Kingdom (55).

- WHO is not recommending travel restrictions related to the outbreak of the influenza A(H1N1) virus.

WHO website: [http://www.who.int/en/](http://www.who.int/en/)

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