

19 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:**

- Continuing to consolidate pandemic plans from campuses for review.
- Continuing to monitor ongoing efforts within the State and in the lower 48 concerning the H1N1 outbreak.
- Recommend continued emphasis on public information focused on every day actions to stay healthy:
  - o Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
  - o Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
  - o Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
  - o Stay home if you get sick. CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- Pandemic Preparedness Cell (PPC) is located in Room 106C Butrovich. Phone # 907 450-8159.
- Provide timely updates.

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.
  - o ICS 402 for Executives
  - o Continuity of Operations/Business Resumption Planning
  - o Pan Flu Discussion Based Table Top Exercise (Community Agencies involved)

**United States**

- **5469** confirmed cases; with six confirmed deaths-**48** 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.
- 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**

- **19 May 2009** -- As of 06:00 GMT, 19 May 2009, 40 countries have officially reported 9830 cases of influenza A(H1N1) infection, including 79 deaths.
- 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.**