

4 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 activated a Pandemic Preparedness Cell as part of ongoing activities to direct collective efforts and ensure consistency in preparedness across the state.**

Ongoing activities:

- Established Pandemic Preparedness Cell in Room 106C Butrovich. Phone # 907 450-8159. Establishing a biweekly conference call for Pandemic Preparedness issues within the UA system.

**(Tuesday, 9 am. Friday, 9 am.)** Conference toll-free number call is: **800-893-8850**

**Participant pin: 9465540** See accompanying letter from President's Office.

- Liaison with local emergency management agencies. Participating in Unified Command (both local and state level) operations as part of H1N1 outbreak as needed.
- 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.
- 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>
- Conducted Pandemic Planning Cell (PCC) meeting with various members of the UA campus community and collaborate on current efforts.

Future activities:

- Continue to monitor current situation and modify plans in order to meet current pandemic situation.

Rumor Control/Issues: National Media sources reported that CDC has recommended for schools to close for a period of 14 days should they confirm an individual infected by H1N1.

\*\*Correction to media reports, CDC recommended that K-12 institutions with closure plans consider closing for period of 14 days should they have a confirmed case. Recommendation did not apply to Institutions of Higher Education.

Current National Situation

**United States**

- 279** individuals are confirmed to have the virus; an increase from 160 on Friday, 1 May. One death confirmed.
- Alabama 4
- Arizona 17
- California 30
- Colorado 7
- Connecticut 2
- Delaware 20

- Florida 5
  - Idaho 1
  - Illinois 8
  - Indiana 3
  - Iowa 1
  - Kansas 2
  - Kentucky\* 1
  - Louisiana 7
  - Maryland 4
  - Massachusetts 6
  - Michigan 2
  - Minnesota 1
  - Missouri 1
  - Nebraska 1
  - Nevada 1
  - New Hampshire 1
  - New Jersey 7
  - New Mexico 1
  - New York 73
  - North Carolina 1
  - Ohio 3
  - Oregon 3
  - Pennsylvania 1
  - Rhode Island 1
  - South Carolina 15
  - Tennessee 1
  - Texas 41 / 1
  - Utah 1
  - Virginia 3
  - Wisconsin 3
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- 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. This allocation has arrived in Alaska.
  - 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 allocation of Strategic National Stockpile has been received and will be distributed to hub communities on Tuesday, 5 May.
- Alaska DHSS and DHS & EM has merged 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).
- 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>

## Worldwide

- 1 May 2009 -- The situation continues to evolve rapidly. As of 1800 GMT, 4 May 2009, 21 countries have officially reported 1085 cases of influenza A (H1N1) infection.
- The following countries have reported laboratory confirmed cases with no deaths - Austria (1), Canada (101), China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1), Costa Rica (1), Colombia (1), Denmark (1), El Salvador (2), France (4), Germany (8), Ireland (1), Israel (4), Italy (2), Netherlands (1), New Zealand (6), Portugal (1), Republic of Korea (1), Spain (54), Switzerland (1) and the United Kingdom (18). 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.**