

5 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:

- Pandemic Preparedness Cell is located in Room 106C Butrovich. Phone # 907 450-8159.
- Established 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**

Priority of effort for the group:

- 1) Participate in regularly scheduled teleconferences
 - 2) Review current campus plans and activities
 - 3) Assist in the development or refinement of campus plans or small scale table top exercises to further campus needs.
 - 4) Participate in state and local emergency response agency meetings
 - 5) Distribute information on preventive health care measures
 - 6) Ensure consistency in message content and delivery within the university community
 - 7) Determine appropriate campus preparation actions
 - 8) Develop and implement a system to track and report suspected and confirmed cases of H1N1 Influenza within the UA system
 - 9) Work with public health officials to ensure familiarity with plans and protocols
- 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.
 - Support the review and revision of current pandemic plans to address campus needs specific to the current outbreak.
 - Provide daily updates.

Note: Recommend that campuses continue integrate precautionary measures at commencement ceremonies 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.

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.

Current National Situation

United States

- **403** individuals are confirmed to have the virus; an increase from 279 yesterday. One death confirmed.

Alabama 4
Arizona 17
California 49
Colorado 6
Connecticut 2
Delaware 20
Florida 5
Georgia 1
Idaho 1
Illinois 82
Indiana 3
Iowa 1
Kansas 2
Kentucky* 1
Louisiana 7
Maine 1
Maryland 4
Massachusetts 6
Michigan 2
Minnesota 1
Missouri 1
Nebraska 1
Nevada 1
New Hampshire 1
New Jersey 6
New Mexico 1
New York 90
North Carolina 1
Ohio 3
Oregon 15
Pennsylvania 1
Rhode Island 1
South Carolina 16
Tennessee 2
Texas 41 / 1
Utah 1
Virginia 3
Wisconsin 3

- CDC has completed deployment of 25 percent of the supplies in the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) to all states in the continental United States. These supplies and medicines

will help states and U.S. territories respond to the 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.
- Alaska allocation of Strategic National Stockpile has been shipped to hub communities.
- Alaska DHSS and DHS & EM operates 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.
- 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.

Alaska DHSS website:

<http://www.hss.state.ak.us/>

Worldwide

- As of 16:00 GMT, 5 May 2009, 21 countries have officially reported 1490 cases of influenza A (H1N1) infection.
- Mexico has reported 822 laboratory confirmed human cases of infection, including 29 deaths. The United States has reported 403 laboratory confirmed human cases, including one death.
- The following countries have reported laboratory confirmed cases with no deaths - Austria (1), Canada (140), China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1), Colombia (1), Costa Rica (1), Denmark (1), El Salvador (2), France (4), Germany (9), Ireland (1), Israel (4), Italy (5), Netherlands (1), New Zealand (6), Portugal (1), Republic of Korea (2), Spain (57), Switzerland (1) and the United Kingdom (27).

WHO website:

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

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