

6 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:

- Pandemic Preparedness Cell (PPC) is located in Room 106C Butrovich. Phone # 907 450-8159.
- Disseminate new Alaska Department of Health and Social Services guidance pertaining to school closures.
 - **In short, they are not advocating the closures of schools at this time.**
- The next PPC teleconference will be Friday at 9 a.m. Conference toll-free number is: 800-893-8850 Participant pin: 9465540
 - Goal #1 of the Friday call will be to identify which campus locations have 1) a current pandemic plan in place; 2) need their plan reviewed and or refined 3) need a plan developed.
 - Goal #2, determine which campus locations require ICS training as part of our current preparedness effort.
 - Goal #3, Cover issues or concerns in reference to this current outbreak.
- 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 to 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.
- Continue to reinforce that those who are sick are to remain at home to prevent the spread of the virus.

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

- **642** individuals are confirmed to have the virus; an increase from 239 from yesterday. Two death confirmed. (The second death of an individual from Texas is thought to have occurred as a result of complications due to underlying health problems)

Alabama 4
Arizona 48
California 67
Colorado 17
Connecticut 4
Delaware 33
Florida 5
Georgia 3
Hawaii 3
Idaho 1
Illinois 122
Indiana 15
Iowa 1
Kansas 2
Kentucky* 2
Louisiana 7
Maine 1
Maryland 4
Massachusetts 45
Michigan 8
Minnesota 1
Missouri 2
Nebraska 4
Nevada 5
New Hampshire 2
New Jersey 7
New Mexico 3
New York 97
North Carolina 7
Ohio 5
Oklahoma 1
Oregon 15
Pennsylvania 1
Rhode Island 2
South Carolina 16
Tennessee 2
Texas 61 /2
Utah 1
Virginia 3
Washington 9
Wisconsin 6

- 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 has internal capability to test for H1N1 and will not need to send samples to CDC for confirmation. Working to increase capability for testing of subtypes of Influenza A.
- 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, 6 May 2009, 23 countries have officially reported 1893 cases of influenza A (H1N1) infection.
- Mexico has reported 942 laboratory confirmed human cases of infection, including 29 deaths. The United States has reported 642 laboratory confirmed human cases, including two deaths.
- The following countries have reported laboratory confirmed cases with no deaths - Austria (1), Canada (165), China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1), Colombia (1), Costa Rica (1), Denmark (1), El Salvador (2), France (5), Germany (9), Guatemala (1), Ireland (1), Israel (4), Italy (5), Netherlands (1), New Zealand (5), Portugal (1), Republic of Korea (2), Spain (73), Sweden (1), Switzerland (1) and the United Kingdom (28).

WHO website:

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

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