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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 after hours contact 907-750-1602 (Rick Forkel-UA Emergency Manager)
- Today participated in Alaska Department of Health and Social Services telephone conference/guidance pertaining to port cities for cruise line industry.
- The next PPC teleconference will be Tuesday at 9 a.m. Conference toll-free number is: 800-893-8850 Participant pin: 9465540
 - Goals #1 positively 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**.
 - 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 timely updates. **No H1N1 telephone daily conference calls from DHSS this weekend.**

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.

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



United States

- **1639** confirmed cases; increase of **743** from yesterday and two confirmed deaths-**43** states affected
- CDC has completed the deployment of 25% of the supplies in the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) to all states. These supplies and medicines will help states and U.S. territories respond to the H1N1 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 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/>

Worldwide

- 8 May 2009 -- As of 16:00 GMT, 8 May 2009, 25 countries have officially reported 2500 cases of influenza A (H1N1) infection.
- Mexico has reported 1204 laboratory confirmed human cases of infection, including 44 deaths.
- The following countries have reported laboratory confirmed cases with no deaths - Austria (1), Brazil (4), Canada (214), China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1), Colombia (1), Costa Rica (1), Denmark (1), El Salvador (2), France (12), Germany (11), Guatemala (1), Ireland (1), Israel (7), Italy (6), Netherlands (3), New Zealand (5), Poland (1), Portugal (1), Republic of Korea (3), Spain (88), Sweden (1), Switzerland (1) and the United Kingdom (34).
- 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.