



STATE OF OHIO
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SITUATION REPORT

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TO: Ted Strickland, Governor
FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency
SUBJECT: Swine Flu Incident April 2009
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This is the first Sitrep for the "Swine Flu Incident 2009" event. Information is current as of 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2009.

GENERAL SITUATION

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at 7:00 a.m. this morning, Monday, April 27, 2009 in response to one confirmed swine influenza (swine flu) viral incident in Lorain County and multiple presumptive cases being investigated by local public health departments across the state. A Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 1 briefing was conducted in the SEOC Assessment Room at 10:00 a.m. today for situational awareness and coordination. Due to the potential spread of the swine influenza disease and its evolving complexity, the SEOC Assessment Room was escalated to a CAS Level 2 following the morning briefing. A county EMA conference call was conducted at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon for situational awareness regarding the swine flu outbreak.

The next CAS Level 2 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. tomorrow in the SEOC Operations Room. The SEOC Assessment Room will be staffed overnight this evening. The SEOC Operations Room will be staffed until 5:00 p.m. this evening and reopen at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency will continue to monitor the situation for any changes.

National Public Health Emergency

A National Public Health Emergency was issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services yesterday (Sunday, April 26) in response to recent human infections with a newly discovered swine influenza A (swine flu) virus. As of yesterday, there are 20 confirmed cases of swine Influenza A (swH1N1) in California, Texas, Kansas, New York, and Ohio. No deaths in the

U.S. have been reported due to the illness. Additional cases of the virus have been confirmed in Mexico and Canada.

DECLARATIONS

A Governor's Declaration is being prepared for the specific purpose of receiving, storing, and transporting the Strategic National Stockpile.

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 1 – Transportation

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT has received a support request from the Ohio Department of Health to transport Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) mission-support materials to the Receipt, Store, and Stage (RSS) site. Estimated time for completion is 4:30 p.m. this evening. ODOT is prepared to transport the SNS based on the Ohio Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and State Pharmaceutical Cache Transportation Plan.

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

The Ohio National Guard is preparing to receive pallets of supplies in support of this effort. The pallets will be stored at the Receipt, Store, and Stage (RSS) site. The Incident Command Post (ICP) will be established at the RSS by the Ohio Department of Health at 6:00 p.m. today.

The Ohio Department of Health, lead agency for Ohio's swine flu response, has scheduled a planning conference for 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at Ohio EMA to further develop the package distribution plan. Participants in the conference include Ohio EMA, Ohio Department of Health, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Department of Transportation, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and Ohio Department of Administrative Services.

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

OSHP stands ready to assist with transport and security of SNS as needed. Emergency Support Function partners began staffing the SEOC desk at 7:30 a.m. this morning. Participation with Ohio National Guard Rock/drill & planning session occurred at 11:00 this morning.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR is monitoring the situation and prepared to assist with the Strategic National Stockpile, if needed.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Ohio Community Service Council (OCSC)

OCSC staff is monitoring sheltering and mass care-related operations from the SEOC. All Emergency Support Function partners have been notified.

Ohio Citizen Corps (OCC)

Community Emergency Response Team volunteers in Lorain County distributed flyers on swine flu to residents door-to-door in the school district where the case was confirmed.

Ohio Medical Reserve Corps (Ohio MRC)

All local MRC units throughout the state have been alerted regarding SEOC activation.

Wood County MRC members are working on reported swine flu cases in the county.

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS)

ODJFS is reviewing its Pandemic Flu Plan as a preparedness effort.

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

The Ohio Department of Health activated its Departmental Operations Center and reports the following objectives and status:

1. Objective – Receive and transport SNS and Ohio Influenza Resources

- Status** –
1. Forwarded security access to secure facility
 2. Obtained access to facility RSS
 3. Briefed initial crew on 11:00 a.m. teleconference
 4. Loaded into equipment from storage to warehouse
 5. Briefed staff on site “warehouse”
 6. Assigned tasks to crew
 7. Crew began setup of warehouse floor plan and IT Infrastructure

2. Objective – Maintain Communication with Health Partners

Status – Conduct Local Health Department (LHD) Conference Calls

Develop healthcare provider communications plan, including:

- a. Methods of communication
- b. Identify and engage internal and external partners
- c. Identify and engage external partners

Identify objectives pertinent to Level 1 and 2 Sub-capabilities

3. Objective- Develop and disseminate public information

Status – Call Centers are available to disseminate information

4. Objective- Continue epidemiological surveillance

Status – ODH coordinating with LHDs

ESF 10 – Hazardous Materials

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Ohio EPA remains ready to provide support as needed. As of this report, Ohio EPA has received no requests for assistance and no reports of issues with regulated facilities related to the incident.

ESF 11 – Agriculture

Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

The Ohio Department of Agriculture reported the following for this incident:

- ODA's supportive role in this emergency situation is to educate and notify swine producers about implementing strict biosecurity measures on their farms, including practices such as prohibiting visitors, implementing strict sick leave policies for workers presenting influenza-type symptoms, and requiring employees to report international travel.
- This novel influenza virus is unique and has not been detected in U.S. swine herds.
- ODA stands ready to test any samples received through the surveillance plans with the National Animal Health Laboratory Network and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- Pork is safe to eat. Follow proper handling and cooking tips. Cooking pork to an internal temperature of 160° F kills all viruses and food borne germs.

ESF 13 – Law Enforcement

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

OSHP reported that radio communications issues have been decided and coordinated with Multi-Agency Radio Communications Systems (MARCS) officials this afternoon.

The OSHP Special Response Team (SRT) has begun providing names and identification information to the Ohio National Guard for security clearance matters.

Ohio Homeland Security (OHS)

The Ohio Strategic Analysis and Information Center (SAIC) began operations at 6:30 a.m. this morning and developed four (4) Unclassified/For Official Use Only products for information sharing through the Contact and Information Management System (CIMS). The SAIC made contact with their partners across the state for any reports involving the swine flu. The SAIC hosted members of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) during the CAS Level 1 briefing, and coordinated to get full time coverage from TSA into the SAIC this week. The SAIC also posted on Sunday preliminary information regarding the first identified case of swine flu in Ohio and coordinated that information with CIMS users. The SAIC also coordinated with the Ohio Department of Health on one of the products.

ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs

The Joint Information Center (JIC) was activated to coordinate state response for the swine flu incident. Seven media interviews, both on camera and via telephone, were conducted by public information staff today. The JIC is currently staffed at moderate levels and will continue until 5:00 p.m. today, reopening at 7:30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

The JIC has established a state of Ohio Public Inquiry line to address questions related to the swine flu incident. The number, 1-866-800-1404, will be operational Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. until further notice.

JIC staff will be available to answer media inquires tomorrow and throughout the remainder of this outbreak.

Ohio Department of Insurance (ODI)

The Department of Insurance contacted members of the Ohio Insurance Disaster Coalition and made them aware that the SEOC was activated this morning. ODI is currently assessing insurance-related information for distribution to Ohioans through the JIC.

COUNTY IMPACTS

The following county reports are current as of 4:00 p.m. Monday, April 27, 2009.

Lorain County

The Amherst Emergency Room has reported an influenza “A” positive case. The Lorain County EOC is activated. The decision for overnight/long-term staffing will be made later this afternoon. There may be a possible need for flu testing kits. Lorain County EMA submitted a request through the SEOC for flu testing kits.

Cuyahoga County

- The city of Cleveland EOC partially activated its Emergency Support Function #8
- The city EOC is being staffed with some county EMA staff and other local responders
- The county EOC will be operational 24 hours in two (2) 12 hour shifts (7 a.m. – 7 p.m.)
- The Joint Information Center is partially activated and coordinating with the State JIC
- Cleveland, Cuyahoga and Shaker Heights Boards of Health have established a Unified Command structure

Scioto County

Scioto County contacted the SEOC to advise of a possible shortage in flu testing kits. The county EMA has begun to coordinate through existing health channels to seek supplies.

Seneca County

The county continues to be in regular contact with the local health department. They are standing by for next steps per health department information. There is no county EOC activation at this time. The county will reassess EOC activation later this afternoon/evening based on information from the local health department and or public inquiry. The county has no needs at this time.

Wood County

At 9:00 a.m. this morning, the county EMA held a joint meeting with county health, Wood County Hospital and Bowling Green State University (BGSU). Wood County Health is taking the lead on public information activities. The Wood County Health Commissioner and medical director are taking the lead in monitoring information and new developments. A fact sheet is being generated for public, media, schools, medical facilities, university and first responder communities. EMS has been advised to take flu precautions. At time of this report, there is only one suspected case in the county, with test samples sent to Columbus. There is no increase in patients at hospitals or the BGSU health clinic at this time. Another joint meeting has been scheduled at 2:00 p.m. with county partners to discuss further details

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 2 Briefing: The next CAS 2 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2009. The state EOC Assessment Room staff will continue to monitor the swine flu incident in Ohio until conditions improve.

All agencies should email their briefing reports to: eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us.