



**STATE OF OHIO**  
**Emergency Operations Center**  
**SITUATION REPORT**

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**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Ted Strickland, Governor  
**FROM:** Ohio Emergency Management Agency  
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This is the daily Situation Report (SitRep) for the "H1N1 Incident 2009" event. Information is current as of 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2009.

**GENERAL SITUATION**

The situation continues to evolve rapidly. Confirmed case numbers used in this report are taken from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) websites. Discrepancies between open source reports and these numbers are due to the criteria for lab confirmed occurrence of the virus in question.

The WHO Director-General has raised the Pandemic Alert level from 4 to 5 today. Phase 5 is characterized by human-to-human spread of the virus into at least two countries in one WHO region. While most countries will not be affected at this stage, the declaration of Phase 5 is a strong signal that a pandemic is imminent and that the time to finalize the organization, communication, and implementation of the planned mitigation measures is short.

As of 2:00 p.m. today nine countries had officially reported 148 cases of swine influenza A/H1N1 infection (formerly known as "swine flu" and herein referred to simply as "H1N1"). According to the World Health Organization (WHO), Mexico has reported 26 confirmed human cases of infection including seven deaths. Open source reports of suspected/probable cases in Mexico are as high as 2,495. The World Health Organization (WHO) reports the following countries have reported laboratory confirmed cases with no deaths - Austria (1), Canada (13), Germany (3), Israel (2), New Zealand (3), Spain (4) and the United Kingdom (5).

There is still only one confirmed H1N1 case in Ohio, a Lorain County male child who is recovering well. As of this morning, there was a total of 91 CDC confirmed cases of H1N1 in Arizona (1), California (14), Indiana (1), Kansas (2), Massachusetts (2), Michigan (2), New York (51), Ohio (1), and Texas (16). The death of a 23-month old infant in Texas has been attributed to the virus.

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) remains at CAS 2 with one daily briefing at 3:00 p.m. daily. The Strategic National Stockpile materiel requested by Ohio has been delivered and unloaded at the state's initial staging location. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH), the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Ohio National Guard (ONG), Ohio EMA and the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP), along with other EOC partners continue to address planning factors for the shipment of SNS antivirals and personal protective equipment to Regional Distribution Nodes.

**The next CAS Level 2 briefing is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. tomorrow in the SEOC Operations Room.** The SEOC Assessment Room hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily through the weekend. The SEOC Operations Room hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily through the weekend. The Joint Information Center hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily through Friday. The Ohio EMA Duty Officer is available to receive and route calls related to this incident during overnight hours.

### **REGIONAL AND CONTIGUOUS STATES**

Indiana: EOC partially activated. 1 confirmed case.

Illinois: Normal Operations.

Michigan: EOC partially activated. 2 confirmed cases (*per CDC at 11:00 a.m. 4/29/09*).

Minnesota: Monitoring and Planning only.

Wisconsin: Normal operations.

Pennsylvania: Monitoring and Planning only.

Kentucky: Normal Operations.

West Virginia: Normal Operations. State Health Department Operations Center is activated.

### **DECLARATIONS**

#### **National Public Health Emergency**

A National Public Health Emergency was issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Sunday, April 26.

#### **State Declaration**

A Governor's Declaration is in effect for the specific purpose of receiving, storing, and transporting the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS).

## **STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS**

### **ESF 1 – Transportation**

#### Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT has no open missions at this time.

ODOT Field Districts have started visits to the Regional Distribution Nodes (RDN) and will provide contact names for personnel to the RDN security contact.

Ohio EMA issued ODOT 46 portable MARCS radios and they are being distributed to the field districts for possible utilization for SNS transportation missions.

### **ESF 6 – Mass Care**

#### Ohio Citizen Corps

The State Citizen Corps Council received a briefing on the H1N1 incident today. Discussion focused on public education and where to access it. Also, the issue of having translated information was discussed. Updates will be provided to partner organizations. Ohio VOAD representative asked about preparedness and response plans for faith-based organizations. Guidance on this topic will be researched.

#### Ohio Medical Reserve Corps

The following local MRC units have placed volunteers on standby: Clark, Morgan, Hamilton, Clermont, Warren, Butler, Highland, Brown, Tuscarawas, Lorain, Wood, Adams, Clinton, and Harrison.

The following local MRC units have volunteers activated: Portage, assigned to a Call Center and Wood, assigned to Health Assessment.

### **ESF 7 – Resource Support**

#### Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

DAS has received one mission; to develop a listing of suppliers who can provide BD EZ Flu A and B Kits being requested by counties. DAS will begin canvassing existing contracts and other suppliers of these items and provide the list to Ohio EMA for distribution to county contacts.

### **ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services**

#### Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

##### **Strategic National Stockpile**

Allocations are being made to hospitals to supply them with both personal protective equipment (PPE) and antivirals. Pediatric suspensions were received today; they will be included in the allocations to hospitals. ODH planners are working with partner agencies to plan SNS delivery to the Regional Distribution Nodes (RDN).

### **Epidemiology Update**

The Epidemiological (Epi) investigation team at ODH is working with local health departments to identify suspected cases of H1N1 and is working with ODH lab to identify specimens that were submitted without ODH authorization. The Epi investigation team is working with surveillance to identify cases that need to be entered into the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS) and will follow-up with each Local Health District (LDH). The Epi investigation team worked with surveillance to remove internal communication barriers and to facilitate laboratory communication and reporting in ODRS.

### **Surveillance Update**

Real-time data sources show a slight decrease in influenza-like symptoms across the state over the past 24 hours. The increase noted yesterday (4/28) was most likely due to increased concern in the population (e.g. someone with a high fever unrelated to swine flu may elect to go to the emergency department instead of their regular physician). Data sources are being continuously monitored for signs of disease spread.

### **ESF 11 – Agriculture**

#### Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

The department continues to work closely with the National Animal Health Laboratory Network and USDA to provide continued surveillance of Ohio's swine population.

The department is working with the JIC to set up media availability tomorrow with the state veterinarian to discuss agriculture-related issues.

### **ESF 13 – Law Enforcement**

#### Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

OSHP officials have met with ONG confirming routes of travel along with pick up and delivery of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). OSHP is standing by to provide security for the transport and delivery of SNS materiel to the Regional Distribution Nodes (RDN).

### **ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs**

ESF 15 continues to field media calls and coordinate with the Ohio Department of Health on media interviews. Information has been translated for the media into Spanish for our partners and we will continue to work towards ensuring we have appropriate information for all of Ohio's residents.

As of this morning, the State Public Inquiry Line (1-866-800-1404) had received a two-day total of 426 inquiries.

The JIC maintains consistency with the reporting of 1 confirmed case for Ohio.

The JIC conference call will convene tomorrow morning for all communications staff.

Ohio Department of Insurance

The Ohio Department of Insurance is currently composing a few emergency bulletins to be distributed to health insurance/life insurance companies regarding H1N1 and health insurance benefits/life insurance benefits. The department is also composing talking points/tip sheets for Consumer Services staff who may field phone calls regarding health insurance coverage of H1N1 treatment. ODI is also composing a press release regarding health insurance coverage tips in regards to treatment coverage of H1N1, but will hold off on releasing until the situation warrants.

Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

After the morning Communications Update meeting, all communications coming from the department will refer to the virus as the H1N1 virus, formerly known as the Swine Flu virus.

The department continues to remind Ohioans that pork is safe to eat, and that the H1N1 virus is not transmitted through meat consumption.

A Washington Post article that ran on April 25 noted that in 2007, about 25 people and 160 pigs at an Ohio county fair developed an H1N1 flu that was the same strain. However, the department wants to be sure that people understand that the 2007 H1N1 virus is different than the current H1N1 virus. There is clear proof that the viruses are different

**COUNTY IMPACTS**

Cuyahoga County

The County EOC remains operational on a 24-hour basis.

Lorain County

Lorain County EOC is open until 11:00 p.m. this evening and will reopen at 4:00 a.m. tomorrow.

Franklin County

Franklin County EOC is open until 5:00 p.m. today and will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until further notice.

**BRIEFING/SITREP DATA**

Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 2 Briefing: The next CAS 2 briefing is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2009.

All agencies should email their briefing reports to: [eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us](mailto:eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us).