



STATE OF OHIO
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SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ted Strickland, Governor
FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency
SUBJECT: H1N1 Incident – April 2009
DATE: May 1, 2009

This is the daily Situation Report (SitRep) for the “H1N1 Incident – April 2009” event. Information is current as of 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2009.

GENERAL SITUATION

Confirmed influenza 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 occurrences of the virus in question.

The WHO Pandemic Alert level remains at 5. Alert 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 Alert 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., May 1, 2009, 11 countries have officially reported 331 cases of influenza H1N1 infection. Mexico has reported 156 confirmed human cases of infection, including nine deaths. The following countries have reported laboratory confirmed cases with no deaths - Austria (1), Canada (34), Germany (3), Israel (2), Netherlands (1), New Zealand (3), Spain (13), Switzerland (1) and the United Kingdom (8).

CDC is reporting 141 confirmed cases of H1N1 flu in the U.S. (AZ 4, CA 13, CO 2, DE 4, IL 3, IN 3, KS 2, KY 1, MA 2, MI 2, MN 1, NE 1, NV 1, NJ 5, NY 50, OH 1, SC 16, TX 28, VA 2). The death of a 23-month old toddler in Texas has been attributed to the virus and remains the only U.S. death attributed to H1N1.

There is still only one confirmed H1N1 case in Ohio, a Lorain County male child who is recovering well. There are probable cases in Franklin (2), Holmes and Portage counties. Probable cases have preliminary tests indicating an Influenza A infection, but confirmatory tests are needed to determine if the person is infected with H1N1. In addition, 41 suspect cases await testing.

The State Emergency Operations Center remains at CAS-2 activation, with one daily briefing at 3:00 p.m. The Strategic National Stockpile materiel that was requested by Ohio has been delivered and unloaded at the state's SNS Receipt, Storage and Staging (RSS) location. The Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Ohio National Guard, Ohio EMA and the Ohio State Highway Patrol, along with other EOC partners, continue to address planning factors for the shipment of SNS antivirals and personal protective equipment to Regional Distribution Nodes (RDN) and eventually to end destinations to fulfill requests.

The next CAS-2 briefing is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. tomorrow in the SEOC Operations Room. CAS-2 participants should check their e-mails for call-in information relating to this weekend's briefings. The SEOC Assessment Room hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily through Sunday, May 3rd. The SEOC Operations Room hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily through Sunday, May 3rd. The JIC will remain open today until 5:00 p.m. and the hours will be 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday and closed on Sunday (based on operational need). Ohio EMA Duty Officer will receive and route calls related to this incident during overnight hours.

REGIONAL AND CONTIGUOUS STATES

Indiana: State EOC activated. 3 confirmed cases. SNS distributed.

Illinois: State EOC is activated. 3 confirmed cases. SNS distribution near completion.

Michigan: State EOC partially activated. 2 confirmed cases.

Minnesota: State EOC activated. 1 confirmed case.

Wisconsin: Normal operations – State EOC not activated. State Health Department Operations Center activated.

Pennsylvania: Monitoring and Planning only.

Kentucky: Partial Activation of State EOC. 1 confirmed case.

West Virginia: Normal operations – State EOC not activated, although the State Health Department Operations Center is activated and SNS materiel has been received.

DECLARATIONS

National Public Health Emergency

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

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 **by EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION (ESF)**

ESF-1 – Transportation

ESF-1 stands ready to fulfill seven new missions for the transport of the SNS from the RSS to the RDN's outside of Central Ohio. This transport request was assigned to Adjutant General (ONG) for completion. It is anticipated these missions will be completed on Saturday, May 2nd.

ESF-6 – Mass Care

Medical Reserve Corps units continue to be active in supporting local health departments. In Franklin County, MRC volunteers are assisting with case assessment. In Clark County the MRC Coordinator met with pharmacists to review procedures and legal guidance.

The Southwest Ohio Regional MRC Coordinator (Tri-State MRC) is assisting with preparing informational materials in response to media inquiries.

ESF-8 – Public Health and Medical Services

The Epidemiology Investigation and Surveillance teams at ODH continue to work with local health departments to identify suspected cases of swine flu, to submit laboratory samples to the ODH Lab and to maintain communication. The teams continue to assist local health departments with documentation in the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS) and to assist the Epi office with message dissemination to public health partners.

During the State EOC CAS Briefing yesterday it was asked whether or not there is a protocol or policy for pre-screening migrant workers. ODH does not have plans or protocols for screening migrant workers. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Patrol is evaluating persons at national borders and isolating persons with symptoms for further evaluation.

ESF-11 – Agriculture

The department has continued outreach activities to commodity and industry groups. The pork industry has reported that they have conducted surveys to determine that 91% of those who typically consume pork believe pork to be safe indicating that the efforts to get that message out to the public seem to be successful.

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

ESF-14 – Recovery and Mitigation

The Ohio EMA Disaster Recovery Branch made FEMA's Public Assistance Program Policy for Emergency Assistance for Human Influenza Pandemic (DAP Policy 9523.17) available to all EOC participants via the April 30th CAS-2 briefing. Because this incident may have an extended duration, the Branch has recommended that state officials track and document all incident-related activities and expenditures.

ESF-15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs

The State Joint Information Center continues to field media calls and conduct interviews. A press briefing was held today with the Ohio Department of Health to update the number of confirmed, probable and suspect cases throughout Ohio. Ten major media outlets were present.

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The Ohio Department of Agriculture continues to distribute its message that pork is safe to eat and that no pigs have been found to be infected with the H1N1 virus to date.

COUNTY IMPACTS

Cuyahoga County - County EOC is open 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Lorain County - County EOC will not be open over the weekend.

Franklin County - County EOC is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 2 Briefing: The next CAS-2 briefing is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2009. **CAS-2 participants should check their e-mails for call-in information relating to this weekend's briefings.**

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