



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 2, 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 Saturday, May 2, 2009 unless otherwise noted.

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 a.m. on May 2, 2009, 15 countries have officially reported 615 cases of influenza A(H1N1) infection. Mexico has reported 397 confirmed human cases of infection, including 16 deaths. The 241 rise in cases from Mexico compared to the May 1, 2009 7:30 p.m. report from the WHO reflects ongoing testing of previously collected specimens. The following countries have reported laboratory confirmed cases with no deaths - Austria (1), Canada (34), China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1), Denmark (1), France (1), Germany (4), Israel (2), Netherlands (1), New Zealand (4), Republic of Korea (1), Spain (13), Switzerland (1) and the United Kingdom (13).

As of 11:00 a.m. on May 2, 2009, CDC has confirmed 160 cases of H1N1 in the US, (4 AZ; 24 CA; 2 CO; 1 CT; 4 DE; 2 FL; 3 IL; 3 IN; 2 KS; 1 KY; 8 MA; 2 MI; 1 MN; 1 MO; 7 NJ; 50 NY;

1 OH; 13 SC; 28 TX; 2 VA). In the interim, however, two additional cases have been confirmed for Ohio, bringing the Ohio total to 3, and the U.S. total to 162.

There are 2 probable cases, one in Holmes and one in Portage County. 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, 40 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 was moved from the Receive, Store, and Stage (RSS) site to the Regional Distribution Nodes (RDN) today.

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 was open today from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. but will be closed on Sunday, May 3rd. 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.

Illinois: EOC not open over the weekend. 3 confirmed cases.

Michigan: State EOC partially activated with weekend hours. 2 confirmed cases.

Minnesota: EOC not open over the weekend. 1 confirmed case.

Wisconsin: State EOC not activated over the weekend. No confirmed cases. State Health Department Operations Center activated.

Pennsylvania: Monitoring and Planning only. No confirmed cases.

Kentucky: EOC not open over the weekend. 1 confirmed case of Kentucky resident being treated in Georgia.

West Virginia: Normal operations – State EOC not activated, although the 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 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 Transportation has completed the transport of SNS materiel from the Receive, Store, and Stage (RSS) site to the seven Regional Distribution Nodes (RDN). Missions were accomplished by the Adjutant General's Department and the Ohio Highway Patrol. The Ohio Department of Transportation closed the ESF-1 transport missions at 1:00 p.m. today upon successful completion.

All ODOT RDN supervisors have been made aware of the current SNS status and are standing by for ODH instructions should further deployment of SNS becomes necessary.

All security escort missions for the SNS transports with the exception of Toledo went without incident.

The Toledo Mission did encounter an incident on I-75 northbound near mile marker 178 where debris was either dropped from the Ohio National Guard (ONG) truck or kicked up from the roadway causing damage to a passenger vehicle. The convoy stopped momentarily, but continued to destination and arrived just before 1:00 p.m. without further incident. Post 87 (Bowling Green) OSHP responded to the scene for a crash report. The officer on scene advised he was unable to find any evidence to indicate the ONG vehicle lost any parts or load material.

ESF-6 – Mass Care

Ohio Medical Reserve Corps (Ohio MRC) representatives continue to monitor local MRC activities. The Lorain County MRC unit is holding an orientation on Sunday May 3rd for any volunteers who will be working the flu call center on Monday and Tuesday. The volunteer orientation will cover the current status of the outbreak, Lorain County's response, the message map and FAQs of H1N1, case definition, and school closing information.

ESF-8 – Public Health and Medical Services

EFS-8 has no open messages or missions at this time.

The two new confirmed cases of H1N1 in Franklin County are persons with connections to the Ohio State University (OSU). OSU anticipates issuing a press release after 5:00 p.m. today (May 2nd).

Questions have arisen regarding the screening of Ohio residents, including migrants, for Influenza A H1N1. All residents, including migrants, can be assessed and if determined to be ill with a communicable disease, a specimen can be collected and sent to ODH Lab, working in cooperation with the local health department. No one can be issued a color-coded wrist band denoting results of their testing. The ODH liaison to the State EOC has asked that this information be sent out as an OPHCS alert to the local health departments.

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 will not be open over the weekend.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 2 Briefing: The next CAS-2 briefing is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 3, 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.