



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
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This is the daily Situation Report (SitRep) for the “H1N1 Incident – April 2009” event. Information is current as of 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2009 unless otherwise noted.

On Tuesday, May 5, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) confirmed two additional cases of H1N1 (swine flu) virus in Holmes and Portage Counties, bringing the total number of Ohio confirmed cases to five. The first confirmed H1N1 case was reported last week in a male child in Lorain County who is recovering well.

A new probable case was reported in Butler County, bringing the total number of probable cases reported in Ohio to two, which includes a case in Franklin County. Probable cases are those that have preliminary tests indicating an Influenza A infection, but confirmatory tests are needed to determine if the person is infected with H1N1.

A set of criteria for distribution of the SNS to the county level was developed by the Ohio Department of Health. The criteria states that distribution to a county facility or drop site will be considered if the asset is commercially unavailable and there is evidence of person-to-person spread of the new H1N1 influenza virus and a confirmed case within the county.

Effective as of 5:00 p.m. on May 5, 2009, the State Emergency Operations Center reduced the activation level from Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 2 to CAS Level 1 in response to the H1N1 outbreak. The SEOC’s Operations Room is closed.

The next CAS-1 briefing is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. tomorrow in the SEOC Assessment Room. The SEOC Assessment Room will be staffed from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. The Joint Information Center hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily through Friday. The Ohio EMA Duty Officer will receive calls related to this incident during overnight hours.

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 11:00 a.m. May 6, 2009, 22 countries have officially reported 1516 cases of influenza A (H1N1) infection. Mexico has reported 822 laboratory confirmed human cases of infection, including 29 deaths. The following countries have reported laboratory confirmed cases with no deaths - Austria (1), Canada (165), China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1), Colombia (1), Costa Rica (1), Denmark (1), El Salvador (2), France (4), Germany (9), Guatemala (1), Ireland (1), Israel (4), Italy (5), Netherlands (1), New Zealand (6), Portugal (1), Republic of Korea (2), Spain (57), Switzerland (1) and the United Kingdom (27).

As of 11:00 a.m. May 6, 2009, CDC has confirmed 642 cases of H1N1 in the U.S., including 2 deaths. The following states have reported laboratory confirmed cases as follows (4 AL; 48 AZ; 67 CA; 17 CO; 4 CT; 33 DE; 5 FL; 3 GA; 3 HI; 1 ID; 122 IL; 15 IN; 1 IA; 2 KS; 2 KY; 7 LA; 1 ME; 4 MD; 45 MA; 8 MI; 1 MN; 2 MO; 4 NE; 5 NV; 2 NH; 7 NJ; 7 NC; 3 NM; 97 NY; 5 OH; 1 OK; 15 OR; 1 PA; 2 RI; 16 SC; 2 TN; 61 TX; 1 UT; 3 VA; 9 WA; 6 WI).

The CDC now believes that the disease currently being caused by this novel flu virus is similar to that typically caused by seasonal influenza. The CDC policy that was issued yesterday no longer recommends that communities with a laboratory-confirmed case of influenza A H1N1 consider adopting school dismissal or childcare closure measures. CDC modified its policy to recommend implementation of measures that focus on keeping all student, faculty, and staff with symptoms of influenza out of schools or childcare facilities during the period of illness and recuperation, when they are potentially infectious to others.

REGIONAL AND CONTIGUOUS STATES

Indiana: The State EOC continues to maintain limited activation at an assessment level. Their operation hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Indiana State Health Department has a call center established to answer general questions pertaining to the H1N1. Indiana has fifteen confirmed cases.

Pennsylvania: The State continues to monitor the situation. The State EOC is not activated at this time. Pennsylvania has one confirmed case.

Kentucky: The State continues to monitor the situation at an assessment level. The State EOC is not activated at this time. Kentucky has two confirmed cases.

West Virginia: The State maintains normal operations. The State EOC is not activated at this time. West Virginia has no confirmed cases.

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 26, 2009.

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 has no open missions. Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) continues to liaison with the local Regional Distribution Nodes (RDN) in the event of a Phase III transport of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS).

ESF-6 – Mass Care

Ohio Medical Reserve Corps (OMRC)

The Ohio State Medical Association has been in contact with the OMRC in regard to H1N1 information and communications about volunteer opportunities, and they are researching ways to provide outreach to constituents and other partner organizations.

The Portage County call center continues to be active with MRC volunteers.

MRC Coordinators continue to provide updates as needed to volunteers. Also, planning with area physicians, hospitals and healthcare and emergency management partners continues.

The Ohio Pharmacists Association states that pharmacists are registering for the OMRC and are seeking training. OMRC is working to make sure volunteers are connected with local MRC units.

ESF 7 – Resource Support

Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

DAS is working one open issue. It is to develop a roster of state employees to assist Department of Health teams in medical related areas. Department of Administrative Services – Human Resources Department (DAS-HRD) is working on this issue.

ESF-8 – Public Health and Medical Services

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

Epidemiology (Epi) and Surveillance Update – Epi and Surveillance teams continue to monitor confirmed, suspected and probable cases throughout the state. The State at five confirmed H1N1 cases and two probable cases.

Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) – All federal materiel has been shipped from the Receipt Store and Stage (RSS) to the Regional Distribution Nodes (RDN). The RSS is on standby to receive additional federal material. Each RDN is on standby status to complete their mission of distributing federal materiel to local sites and hospitals.

ODH Laboratory – ODH Laboratory has received supplies for confirmation testing.

Medical Surge – Mobile hospitals remain ready for deployment.

ODH continues to develop healthcare provider information for www.ohiopandemicflu.gov.

Community Containment – CDC advised that schools not be closed. The ODH H1N1 influenza line received 71 calls today, none of which needed Spanish translation. The total number of calls received to date is 1,445.

ESF 11 – Agriculture

Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

There have been no reports that the novel H1N1 virus strain currently causing illness in humans is in U.S. Swine.

ESF-13 – Highway Patrol

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

No new missions active at this time. OSHP is standing by in ready mode for transport SNS if needed.

ESF-14 – Recovery and Mitigation

The Ohio EMA Disaster Recovery Branch briefed the Cost Tracking Information/Guidance document for the Public Assistance Program, during Tuesday's (May 5th) CAS-2 briefing. The document is available in OpsCenter as an Incident Record and as an attachment to Recovery/Mitigation Mission # 19. Also, this document will be emailed to Fiscal Officers of State Agencies/Departments that have performed or may perform missions and/or incur costs IAW Pandemic Planning Protocols.

ESF-15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs

The Joint Information Center continues to field media calls and will maintain information updates and media inquires through the remainder of the week until Friday. The JIC will close on Friday and all calls will be directed to the Ohio Department of Health with support from the participating agencies unless there is a need to reactivate.

COUNTY IMPACTS

Franklin County – The County EOC remains operational, with hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the remainder of this week.

Lorain County - The local hotline is closed and callers are being referred to the Ohio Department of Health line. Any tests that need to be transported will be coordinated through the local health departments with transportation arranged by EMA.

Cuyahoga County – The City EOC remains operational from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will continue for the remainder of the week.

Portage County – Portage County EOC is operational during normal business hours.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 1 Briefing: The next CAS-1 briefing is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2009.

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