



# STATE OF OHIO

## Emergency Operations Center

### SITUATION REPORT

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Ted Strickland, Governor

**FROM:** Ohio Emergency Management Agency

**SUBJECT:** H1N1 Incident – 2009

**DATE:** May 12, 2009

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This is the Situation Report (SitRep) for the “H1N1 Incident – April 2009” event. Information is current as of 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 unless otherwise noted.

To date, the state of Ohio has seven confirmed cases of H1N1 (swine flu).

- Franklin County – 3 (31-year-old male, 33-year-old male, 18-year-old male)
- Lorain County – 1 (9-year-old male)
- Holmes – 1 (47-year-old female)
- Portage – 1 (39-year-old female)
- Butler – 1 (30-year-old male)

Currently, there are four probable cases reported in Ohio, including two cases in Cuyahoga County and one each in Franklin and Fulton counties. 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.

**The next briefing is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14 in the SEOC Assessment Room.** Assessment functions will be carried out within the Plans Branch of Ohio EMA this week from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Ohio EMA Duty Officer will receive calls related to this incident during overnight and weekend hours. The Ohio Department of Health Departmental Operations Center remains open.

### 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 12, 2009, the World Health Organization (WHO) reported that 30 countries have officially reported 5,251 cases of influenza A (H1N1) infection. Mexico has reported 2,059 laboratory confirmed human cases of infection, including 56 deaths. WHO is not recommending travel restrictions related to the outbreak of the influenza A (H1N1) virus.

The following countries have reported laboratory confirmed cases, including two deaths – Argentina (1), Australia (1), Austria (1), Brazil (8), Canada (330, one death), China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (2), Colombia (3), Costa Rica (8, one death), Denmark (1), El Salvador (4), France (13), Germany (12), Guatemala (1), Ireland (1), Israel (7), Italy (9), Japan (4), Netherlands (3), New Zealand (7), Norway (2), Panama (16), Poland (1), Portugal (1), Republic of Korea (3), Spain (95), Sweden (2), Switzerland (1) and the United Kingdom (55).

As of 11:00 a.m. May 12, 2009, CDC has confirmed 3,009 cases of H1N1 in the U.S., including three deaths. The following states have reported laboratory confirmed cases as follows (9 AL; 187 AZ; 193 CA; 44 CO; 28 CT; 45 DE; 55 FL; 4 GA; 6 HI; 2 ID; 554 IL; 61 IN; 55 IA; 22 KS; 10 KY; 20 LA; 6 ME; 23 MD; 107 MA; 133 MI; 24 MN; 14 MO; 1 MT; 19 NE; 12 NV; 16 NH; 7 NJ; 30 NM; 192 NY; 11 NC; 7 OH; 14 OK; 74 OR; 17 PA; 7 RI; 32 SC; 3 SD; 54 TN; 206 TX (two deaths); 67 UT; 17 VA; 1 VT; 176 WA (one death); 7 D.C.; 437 WI).

The CDC no longer recommends that communities with a laboratory-confirmed case of influenza A H1N1 consider adopting school or childcare center 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. The Indiana State Health Department has a call center established to answer general questions pertaining to the H1N1. Indiana has 61 confirmed cases.

Pennsylvania: The State continues to monitor the situation. The State EOC is not activated at this time. Pennsylvania has 17 confirmed cases.

Kentucky: The State continues to monitor the situation at an assessment level. The State EOC is not activated at this time. Kentucky has 10 confirmed cases.

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

Illinois: The State continues to monitor the situation at an assessment level. The number of confirmed cases is 554. The spike in confirmed cases in the state is due to new in-state testing capability that has significantly shortened the lead time for test results and allowed them to clear-up a backlog.

## **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 ESF**

### **ESF-1 – Transportation**

ESF #1 has no open missions. The Ohio Department of Transportation will begin collecting Regional Distribution Node (RDN) MARCS radios for return to Ohio EMA.

### **ESF 7 – Resource Support**

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

DAS continues to work one mission investigating SNS materiel storage options.

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

#### **Ohio Department of Health (ODH)**

ODH Laboratory - ODH Laboratory has received training for confirmation testing and is conducting the tests now. The five specimens tested on Monday, May 11 were all negative.

Medical Surge - ODH continues to develop a process for providing antiviral medications to indigent populations. Free clinic partners and some Rural Health Centers will be included in the discussions with ODH.

Community Containment - The CDC Community Mitigation call has been decreased to two calls per week.

Inquiries to the ODH H1N1 influenza line continues to decrease. ODH reported 26 calls received yesterday, Monday, May 11, of which only 15 were flu related. The total number of calls received to date is 1,567. The ODH H1N1 line remains open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ICS Logistics - The ODH EOC ESF #8 staff will remain mobilized until further notice. The staff will continue to perform their normal work duties until they are requested.

**BRIEFING/SITREP DATA**

The next briefing is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2009.

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