



# 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 – April 2009

**DATE:** May 4, 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 Monday, May 4, 2009 unless otherwise noted.

On Saturday, May 2, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) confirmed two additional cases of H1N1 (swine flu) virus in Franklin County, in two males, bringing the total number of Ohio cases to three. The patients are recovering at home. 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 over the weekend at Ohio State University (OSU) in Franklin County, increasing the number to three in Ohio. The OSU student remains in isolation and is doing well. Tests are still pending on two probable cases in 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.

**The next CAS-2 briefing is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. tomorrow in the SEOC Operations Room.** The SEOC Assessment Room will be staffed 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. The SEOC Operations Room will be staffed daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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 and route 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 2:00 a.m. on May 4, 2009, 20 countries have officially reported 985 cases of Influenza A (H1N1) infection, an increase of nine countries since the Friday, May 1, 2009 report. Mexico has reported 590 confirmed human cases of infection, including 25 deaths. The higher number of cases from Mexico in the past 48 hours reflects ongoing testing of previously collected specimens. The following countries have reported laboratory confirmed cases with no deaths - Austria (1), Canada (85), China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1), Costa Rica (1), Columbia (1), Denmark (1), El Salvador (2), France (2), Germany (8), Ireland (1), Israel (3), Italy (1), Netherlands (1), New Zealand (4), Republic of Korea (1), Spain (40), Switzerland (1) and the United Kingdom (15).

As of 11:00 a.m. May 4, 2009, CDC has confirmed 286 cases of H1N1 in the US, including 1 death. The following states have reported laboratory confirmed cases as follows (4 AL; 17 AZ; 30 CA; 7 CO; 2 CT; 20 DE; 5 FL; 1 ID; 8 IL; 3 IN; 1 IA; 2 KS; 1 KY; 14 LA; 4 MD; 6 MA; 2 MI; 1 MN; 1 MO; 1 NE; 1 NV; 1 NH; 7 NJ; 1 NC; 1 NM; 73 NY; 3 OH; 3 OR; 1 PA; 1 RI; 15 SC; 1 TN; 41 TX; 1 UT; 3 VA; 3 WI).

### **REGIONAL AND CONTIGUOUS STATES**

Indiana: The State EOC continues to maintain Level 3 activation, with Emergency Support Function (ESF) assistance from ESF #8, ESF #15, and Indiana National Guard. The Guard is not engaged at this point, but will be later this week for distribution of Personal Protective Equipment. Indiana has four schools closed. Indiana has three confirmed cases.

Michigan: The State EOC is partially activated from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily at least through the end of this week. Still with two confirmed cases and 45 probable cases. They are receiving assistance from 2-1-1 center to handle public inquiries related to H1N1.

Pennsylvania: The State continues to monitor the situation. The State EOC is not activated at this time. Pennsylvania reports no confirmed cases although CDC shows one confirmed case in as of this morning.

Kentucky: The State continues to monitor the situation. The State EOC is not activated at this time. Kentucky has one confirmed case with that resident being treated in Georgia.

West Virginia: The State maintains normal operations. The State EOC is not activated at this time, but status could change because of flooding situation. 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. ODOT continues to liaison with support agencies at the Regional Distribution Nodes (RDN) in preparation for a Phase III transport of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS), if needed. ODOT RDN supervisors have been provided with the current country drop site locations for each RDN region and are coordinating with ESF# 13 partners in route planning.

### **ESF-6 – Mass Care**

#### **Ohio Medical Reserve Corps (Ohio MRC)**

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) units throughout the state continue to be active in supporting local health departments.

- The MRC Coordinator in Morgan County continues to distribute H1N1 updates to volunteers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Ohio Department of Health.
- MRC coordinators in Lake and Lawrence counties are assessing volunteer availability if the need arises for personnel response.
- Five Lorain County MRC volunteers are working at a local call center today. However, call volume is low and there is no plan to use them tomorrow. If call volume increases, MRC volunteers will be available.
- Ten volunteer nurses in Franklin County were trained for contact investigation, which is an interview to follow-up with individuals who have been in contact with probable and confirmed cases. Volunteers will be called into the local health department if the need arises.
- MRC volunteers in Montgomery County are staffing an information line this week. The plan includes six volunteers to work shifts throughout the week.

- Geauga County MRC volunteers remain on alert status.
- MRC volunteers in Athens County are on alert status. The coordinator plans to present H1N1 information at the Citizen Corps regional meeting on May 9.
- The Champaign County MRC Coordinator reports their unit is on standby.

### **ESF 7 – Resource Support**

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

DAS has no new missions to report. The agency continues to develop listings of suppliers as requested in prior missions.

### **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. An additional 12 cases have been ruled out by ODH Laboratory. ODH reports emergency department visits remain steady or have started to descend towards seasonally normal levels. ODH stands at three confirmed H1N1 cases and three probable cases.

**Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)** – Ohio SNS received federal materiel and shipped them to the Regional Distribution Nodes (RDN). Each RDN has inventoried their stock of materiel and are in standby status. ODH guidance and protocol have to be met before items will be shipped.

**ODH Laboratory** – As of Saturday, May 2, 2009, test results received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed two additional H1N1 cases in Ohio, bringing the total to three.

**Medical Surge** – The Medical Surge Group continues to meet daily to review and establish objectives.

**Community Containment** – CDC has requested that school closings be reported to them on a daily basis.

### **ESF 11 – Agriculture**

#### Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

The Ohio Department of Agriculture Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) continues to provide diagnostic surveillance as a member of the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Animal Health Laboratory Network. State animal health officials encourage swine producers and extension agents to contact the ADDL, through a veterinary practitioner, regarding sample submission information.

### **ESF-14 – Recovery and Mitigation**

The Ohio EMA Disaster Recovery Branch has developed an H1N1 specific Cost Tracking Information/Guidance document for the Public Assistance Program. This document is tailored for State Agency/Departments and will be made available no later than close of business on May 4 to all EOC participants via Ops Center. The document will be briefed by Emergency Support Function #14 during the CAS-2 briefing tomorrow (May 5).

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

The State Joint Information Center (JIC) continues to operate and field media calls and work with the media regarding effective and accurate communication. The JIC received media calls and responded to inquiries throughout the weekend. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) website continues to be updated regularly with confirmed, probable and suspect cases throughout the state. ODH continues to report three confirmed cases in Ohio. JIC daily operational hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. this week.

As of this morning, the State Public Inquiry Line (1-866-800-1404) had received a total of 1,236 inquiries.

### **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 - Lorain County EOC operations closed on Friday, May 1 based upon a report that outstanding H1N1 tests were all negative. The local hotline will close at 8:00 p.m. tonight. Callers will be referred to the Ohio Department of Health line after that time. 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 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. today. Hours will shift to 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning tomorrow and continue for the remainder of the week.

### **BRIEFING/SITREP DATA**

Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 2 Briefing: The next CAS-2 briefing is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2009.

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