



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 5, 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 Tuesday, May 5, 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, in two females, bringing the total number of Ohio 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 the number of probable cases is now reported as two in Ohio which includes the one case in Franklin County. Test results have confirmed the 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.

Effective as of 5:00 p.m. on May 5, 2009, the State Emergency Operations Center will reduce the activation level from Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 1 in response to the H1N1 outbreak.

The next CAS-1 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 5:00 p.m. daily. The SEOC Operations Room is now closed. 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. on May 5, 2009, 23 countries have officially reported 1490 cases of Influenza A (H1N1) infection, an increase of one country since the Monday, May 4, 2009 report. Mexico has reported 822 confirmed human cases of infection, including 29 deaths. The following countries have reported laboratory confirmed cases with no deaths - Austria (1), Canada (140), China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1), Columbia (1), Costa Rica (1), Denmark (1), El Salvador (2), France (4), Germany (9), 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 5, 2009, CDC has confirmed 403 cases of H1N1 in the US, including 1 death. The following states have reported laboratory confirmed cases as follows (4 AL; 17 AZ; 49 CA; 6 CO; 2 CT; 20 DE; 5 FL; 1 GA; 1 ID; 82 IL; 3 IN; 1 IA; 2 KS; 1 KY; 7 LA; 1 ME; 4 MD; 6 MA; 2 MI; 1 MN; 1 MO; 1 NE; 1 NV; 1 NH; 6 NJ; 1 NC; 1 NM; 90 NY; 3 OH; 15 OR; 1 PA; 1 RI; 16 SC; 2 TN; 41 TX; 1 UT; 3 VA; 3 WI).

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced new CDC guidance on closure of schools and childcare facilities where there are reported cases of the novel H1N1 flu virus. The initial guidance CDC issued on May 1st recommended that affected communities with laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza A H1N1 consider adopting school dismissal and childcare closure measures, including closing for up to 14 days depending on the extent and severity of illness. 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 is being issued today will no longer recommend that communities with a laboratory-confirmed case of influenza A H1N1 consider adopting school dismissal or childcare closure measures. CDC has 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. 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 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. Michigan has two confirmed cases and 47 probable cases. Today, Michigan announced the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has confirmed six cases of

H1N1, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to eight in the state. As of this morning, the CDC website still incorrectly shows Michigan with two 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. 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. 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). ODOT participated in a planning meeting today with Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP), Ohio National Guard (ONG), and Ohio Department of Health (ODH) at Beightler Armory.

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.

- Ohio Pharmacists Association reports that they continue to direct pharmacists to the local health departments and emergency management agencies on the availability of SNS distribution.

- MRC volunteers in Clark County continue to be alerted to the situation. Coordinator has been in contact with hospital preparedness coordinators to discuss surge capacity and alternative care centers.
- The MRC Coordinator in Holmes County reported that volunteers were activated over the weekend to assist hospital staff with screening patients who reported H1N1 risk factors. Several MRC members were fit tested and two nurses volunteered to assist in the swabbing. Confirmed case in county has not prompted any further MRC activity.

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. ODH stands 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. The supplies from the CDC arrived in the laboratory today. Additional supplies for influenza screening are being ordered or requisitions have been created.

Medical Surge – Mobile hospitals remain ready for deployment. Work continues on an interim guidance document for activation and deployment of the mobile hospitals.

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

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

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.

The American food supply is safe and pork and pork products are safe. As is the case with all meat and poultry, safe handling and cooking practices should be used to kill any germs or bacteria that could make you sick.

As a precaution, people with flu-like symptoms should not interact with swine, and swine showing influenza symptoms should be kept away from the public and brought to the attention of the State Animal Health Authorities or USDA. Proper biosecurity measures – as in any influenza situation – will protect against the spread of the virus.

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 is made available to all Emergency Operations Center (EOC) participants via OpsCenter. The document was briefed by Emergency Support Function #14 during the CAS-2 briefing today and a copy of the document is attached to the SitRep e-mail.

ESF-15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs

The State Joint Information Center (JIC) continues to work through messaging and media strategies throughout this outbreak. Media inquires and public inquiry calls have decreased and are continuing to be responded to by the JIC. JIC daily operational hours will remain 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. throughout the remainder of the week.

As of this morning, the State Public Inquiry Line (1-866-800-1404) had received a total of 1,332 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 all outstanding H1N1 tests were negative. The local hotline is closed and callers are 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 Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

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