



**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:** April 30, 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 Thursday, April 30, 2009.

**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 Director-General raised the Pandemic Alert level from 4 to 5 on April 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 1:00 p.m., 11 countries have officially reported 257 cases of influenza A (H1N1) infection. The United States Government has reported 109 laboratory confirmed human cases, including one death. Mexico has reported 97 confirmed human cases of infection, including seven deaths. The following countries have reported laboratory confirmed cases with no deaths - Austria (1), Canada (19), Germany (3), Israel (2), Netherlands (1), New Zealand (3), Spain (13), Switzerland (1) and the United Kingdom (8).

There is still only one confirmed H1N1 case in Ohio, a Lorain County male child who is recovering well. The death of a 23-month old toddler in Texas has been attributed to the virus.

As of this morning, the distribution of U.S. confirmed cases was: Arizona - 1, California - 14, Indiana -1, Kansas - 2, Massachusetts - 2, Michigan - 1, Nevada - 1, New York - 50, Ohio 1, South Carolina - 10, and Texas - 26.

The State Emergency Operations Center remains at CAS-2 activation, with one daily briefing at 3:00 p.m. The Strategic National Stockpile materiel that was requested by Ohio has been delivered and unloaded at the state's SNS Receipt, Storage and Staging (RSS) location. The Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Ohio National Guard, Ohio EMA and the Ohio State Highway Patrol, along with other EOC partners, continue to address planning factors for the shipment of SNS antivirals and personal protective equipment to Regional Distribution Nodes (RDN).

**The next CAS-2 briefing is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. tomorrow in the SEOC Operations Room.** The SEOC Assessment Room hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily through Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The SEOC Operations Room hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily through Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Joint Information Center hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. The Ohio EMA Duty Officer will receive and route calls related to this incident during overnight hours.

### **REGIONAL AND CONTIGUOUS STATES**

Indiana: State EOC partially activated. 1 confirmed case.

Illinois: State EOC is activated.

Michigan: State EOC partially activated. 1 confirmed case.

Minnesota: State EOC partially activated. 1 confirmed case. (Reported by Minnesota EMA).

Wisconsin: Normal operations – State EOC not activated.

Pennsylvania: Monitoring and Planning only.

Kentucky: Normal operations – State EOC not activated, although the Kentucky State Police is monitoring security issues.

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 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 received and accepted seven new missions for the transport of the SNS from the RSS to the RDN's outside of Central Ohio. This transport request was assigned to Adjutant General (ONG) for completion. It is anticipated these missions will be completed on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ohio Department of Transportation Field Supervisors have been visiting the RDN's and making logistical adjustments in anticipation of possible further deployment of the SNS.

### **ESF-6 – Mass Care**

The Ohio Medical Reserve Corps (Ohio MRC) has communicated with ODH and other local MRC units that they are ready to activate if volunteer needs arise. MRC units in Lawrence and Geauga counties have placed volunteers on standby.

The Ohio Pharmacist Association has been receiving calls from pharmacists who may be involved with SNS. Guidance has been provided so that they may connect with local health departments and MRC units.

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

**Strategic National Stockpile** – Allocations are being made to hospitals to supply them with both personal protective equipment (PPE) and antivirals. Pediatric suspensions were received today; they will be included in the allocations to hospitals. Ohio Department of Health planners continue to work with partner agencies to plan SNS delivery to the Regional Distribution Nodes (RDN).

**Epidemiology (Epi) and Surveillance Update** – The Epi investigation team at ODH is working with state, local and federal partners to identify confirmed probable and suspected cases of swine flu. The State's EpiCenter system detected numerous anomalies over the past 24 hours in emergency department data for increases in cough, fever, and constitutional symptoms across the entire state of Ohio with the heaviest concentrations in the Northeast Central, Northwest, Southwest, and Central Regions. This data is consistent with detected over-the-counter pharmacy sales.

**ODH Laboratory Update** – The ODH Laboratory continues to test biological specimens for H1N1, and positive test results are being forwarded to the CDC for confirmation. It is possible as earlier as next week that the ODH Laboratory will be able to confirm test positives and not have to send them to the CDC.

### **ESF-11 – Agriculture**

The Ohio Department of Agriculture continues to work closely with the National Animal Health Laboratory Network and the USDA to provide continued surveillance of Ohio's swine population.

### **ESF-13 – Law Enforcement**

The Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) will assist with the ONG's seven SNS materiel transportation missions by providing security for the transport and delivery of the SNS materiel to the RDNs. OSHP Field Commanders have been visiting the RDN's and making logistical adjustments if needed.

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

The Ohio EMA Disaster Recovery Branch transmitted FEMA's Public Assistance Program Policy for Emergency Assistance for Human Influenza Pandemic (DAP Policy 9523.17) to all Ohio counties via email on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Because this incident may have an extended duration, the message recommended that local officials track and document all incident-related activities and expenditures.

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

The Joint Information Center (JIC) in the SEOC is fielding media calls and coordinating information with the Department of Education regarding preparedness messages. Photos are now available on the Ohio EMA website regarding the SNS materiel shipments that have arrived in Ohio.

Incident information for the public has been translated into Spanish and the JIC continues to reach out to Spanish speaking partners. A public records request process has been established to handle confidential inquiries that come in through the JIC.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture continues to distribute its message that pork is safe to eat and that no pigs have been found to be infected with the H1N1 virus to date.

### **COUNTY IMPACTS**

Cuyahoga County - County EOC remains operational on a 24-hour basis.

Lorain County - County EOC will be open 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. tomorrow.

Franklin County - County EOC is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

### **BRIEFING/SITREP DATA**

Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 2 Briefing: The next CAS-2 briefing is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2009.

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