



DOH SITUATION REPORT # 9
(Prepared by Ops/Log Chief with assistance from Planning Chief)

Incident Number and Name
Swine Flu Incident Tracking
09-1178

(Note: Bold items are new information)

5/05/09

8:00 AM

Stan Carlton

DATE

TIME

PREPARED BY

GENERAL SITUATION and AFFECTED JURISDICTIONS:

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) report swine influenza (swine flu) has been identified in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Europe. DOH is working closely with state local health agencies to monitor cases of pneumonia and influenza. Health care providers and laboratories in Washington are watching for influenza, especially in people who traveled to Mexico or other affected areas.

Lab testing found the swine flu virus is susceptible to prescription antiviral drugs – oseltamivir and zanamivir.

5/2/09 - WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) PANDEMIC FLU ALERT LEVEL: Phase 5

FEDERAL: Public Health Emergency declared on April 26, 2009.

CDC: Emergency Operations Center activated. CDC will provide updated guidance and new information as it becomes available. One death confirmed in Texas.

WHO: 1124 confirmed cases. 26 deaths

HHS: The Secretary's Operation Center (SOC) continues to monitor and provide updates as needed.

WASHINGTON STATE:

IMPACTED JURISDICTIONS: 45 probable cases in Washington (5/4/09)

27	King County
1	Pierce County
1	Skagit County
14	Snohomish County
2	Spokane

DOH: EOC Activation Status: **Limited Activation week of 5/4**

Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) – CDC has released 25% of Washington's allocation of the CDC antiviral stockpile and supplies.

5/4/09 As of today all SNS deliveries to the RSS facility have been completed. The RSS staff is in the process of building individual LHJ deliveries.

5/3/09 CDC recommendations for school closures is now available at the following website:

Shortcut to: http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/K12_dismissal.htm

5/3/09 – Public Health is no longer recommending school closures for probable cases. Symptomatic students should not report to school.

5/4/09 For updated Washington State school closure information check the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) website www.k12.wa.us/healthservices/swineflu.aspx

5/1/09. Public health lab has increased testing capacity for people who have influenza “A” where the subtype is not known and for travelers from affected areas with influenza-like illness.

4/28/09: LHJ administrators advised the state is receiving antivirals from the SNS. Notified local public health and health care providers of the possibility of swine flu in Washington. DOH provided the guidelines to recognize and report possible cases to DOH and the process to send samples to the the public health lab for more tests.

CASUALTY STATUS:

CURRENT CASE SITUATION:

Washington State	5/4/09	Cumulative
Samples submitted for testing at PHL	60*	618*
Testing completed at DOH PHL	56*	279*
Probable Cases (Influenza ‘A’ unsubtypeable at PHL)	10	45
Confirmed Cases	0	0

* Estimate only, all samples have not yet been entered into tracking system

Note: All probable Cases (unsubtypeable cases) go to CDC for confirmatory testing.

United States (updated 5/4/09, 11:00 am, CDC web site)
279 confirmed cases of swine flu in 36 states

Lab Confirmed	Cases	Deaths
Alabama	4	0
Arizona	17	0
California	30	0
Colorado	7	0
Connecticut	2	0
Delaware	20	0
Florida	5	0
Idaho	1	0
Illinois	8	0
Indiana	3	0
Iowa	1	0
Kansas	2	0
Kentucky	1	0
Louisiana	7	0
Maryland	4	0
Massachusetts	6	0
Michigan	2	0

Minnesota	1	0
Missouri	1	0
Nebraska	1	0
Nevada	1	0
New Hampshire	1	0
New Jersey	7	0
New Mexico	1	0
New York	73	0
North Carolina	1	0
Ohio	3	0
Oregon	3	0
Pennsylvania	1	0
Rhode Island	1	0
South Carolina	15	0
Tennessee	1	0
Texas	41	1
Utah	1	0
Virginia	3	0
Wisconsin	3	0
Total	279	1

Case Counts by Country (updated 5/4/09, 9:00 pm, PDT. Source: WHO web site, Update #15)

Note: Canadian count includes 39 confirmed cases in British Columbia. (as reported by the BC Ministry of Health Services).

Lab Confirmed	Cases	Deaths
Austria	1	0
Canada	140	0
China, Hong Kong	1	0
Costa Rica	1	0
Colombia	1	0
Denmark	1	0
El Salvador	2	0
France	4	0
Germany	8	0
Israel	4	0
Ireland	1	0
Italy	2	0
Republic of Korea	1	0
Mexico	590	25
Netherlands	1	0
New Zealand	6	0
Portugal	1	0
Spain	54	0
Switzerland	1	0
United Kingdom	18	0
Total:	799	25
United States	279	1

Total **1124** **26**

Syndromic Surveillance:

ODIN:

Fever/Flu Counts

<u>5/3</u>	<u>5/2</u>	<u>5/1</u>	<u>4/30</u>	<u>4/29</u>	<u>4/28</u>	<u>4/27</u>	<u>4/26</u>
44	89a	104	121	84	81	67	50

a No Harrison Hospital Data

Source: Washington State Department of Health
Epidemiology, Health Statistics, Public Health Laboratory
Communicable Disease Epidemiology Section (CDES) and HHS Region X, Rick Buell

WA:
Visits to the ER or Urgent Care Centers in WA state have greatly increased (4/28-5/1) over the previous 2 week baseline (for 5/1: 98% increase in fever/flu cases, 8% of all encounters). There has also been a 1% increase in all encounters on 05/01. The 2 week average of fever/flu case reports (4/16-4/29) from all syndromic surveillance sites is 51 cases which comprised 4.1% of all ER and Urgent Care encounters.

Dead: 0
Injured: 0
Ill: **35 (probable cases)**
Hospitalized: 0
Other: 0

HOSPITAL STATUS:

No Report at this time.

LOCAL HEALTH JURISDICTION (LHJ) STATUS:

5/4/09 Seattle King Co. has received their requested SNS supplies.

5/4/09 SNS supplies on truck and on the road to Spokane. Delivery is expected sometime after 8:00a.m. today.

5/4/09 3:00p.m. Three trucks currently in staging status.

5/1/09: Most regions have reported that pharmacies do not have commercially available antivirals in stock. All public health regions have implemented command and control with increased surveillance.

Resource Requests: LHJ requests for specimen transport kits must submit requests through the DOH EOC. Components for 120 test kits have been ordered and will be assembled at the PHL and readied for distribution. Additional components for 880 kits have been ordered and should arrive by 5/5/09.

Region 1 (Snohomish County Health District):

4/28/09: Opened a call center to address public inquiries and provide updated public health information related

to the H1N1 incident.

Region 3 (Grays Harbor County):

4/28/09: Public health has requested 15 viral collection kits.

Region 4 (Clark County):

4/28/09: Requested 200 influenza rapid test kits as they have exhausted all local resources.

Region 6 (King County):

4/28/09: King County EOC has been activated.

CURRENT HEALTH and MEDICAL RESPONSE ACTIVITIES (Local)

DOH:

5/04/2009- Spanish language information line will be added to the English language version and should be activated on 5/5/09.

5/04/2009- The DOH Health Officer will be recording a public service announcement (PSA) in Spanish on 5/05/09.

5/04/2009- There have been 61,000 hits on the DOH Swine Flu website since the beginning of the event.

5/04/09- The DOH is working closely with officials in Oregon and Idaho to obtain information on Washington residents suspected of having the H1N1 and are being treated or tested in Oregon or Idaho.

5/04/09- Epi will be updating their webpage to provide updated guidance on the criteria that will be used for specimen testing.

5/03/09- PHL reports they now have reagents for sub-type testing. The lab is developing a plan so testing can begin on Monday. The first 5 tests need to be confirmed at the CDC before confirmatory reports can be issued by PHL.

5/2/09 – CDC has informed us that we have received all of our allocation from the SNS. The supplies have been inventoried and stored. Working on distribution of SNS supplies to LHJ's. Final distribution schedule is not yet available.

5/1/09: Margaret Hansen, PHEPR At-Risk/Vulnerable Populations Manager is the new DOH lead for schools/OSPI. (margaret.hansen@doh.wa.gov or 360.236-4026)

5/1/09: DOH is checking with HHS to determine if the PREP Act (Act) was evoked when HHS declared the federal emergency. A PREP Act declaration provides tort liability immunity and is not dependent on other emergency declarations. The Act also authorizes a U. S. Treasury emergency fund to compensate for injuries directly caused by administration or use of a countermeasure covered by the declaration.

5/1/09: DOH is modifying risk factor guidelines and guidance for medical examiners.

4/29/09: Monitoring the evolving event. DOH established contact with Oregon, Idaho, Alaska and B.C..

DOH is currently considering an agreement with major larger pharmacies to assist with dispensing

medications. The discussions continue.

DOH is coordinating with EMD if a Governor's declaration is warranted.

DOH has advised the LHJs they should document all costs for reimbursement purposes, but there is no guarantee that costs will be reimbursed.

LHJs are encouraged to ensure that Public Health Mutual Aid Agreements are in place and used as appropriate.

4/28/09, 4:00 PM: DOH released a high level WASECURES Alert. This alert requested that the LHJs advise the percent of their allocation of antivirals and supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile they want to receive.

Federal:

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced that the Federal government will purchase an additional 13 million treatment courses to help fight influenza, including the 2009 H1N1 flu virus. The additional treatment courses will be added to the Strategic National Stockpile. HHS began moving 400,000 treatment courses to Mexico.

Food and Drug Administration's Office of General Counsel confirmed that the CDC's Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for antiviral drugs will cover state and locally purchased stockpiles. Further EUA guidance will be posted on the CDC webpage <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/guidance/>. FDA has requested that reports of adverse reactions to antiviral agents be posted to: www.fda.gov/medwatch or 1-800-FDA -1088.

CDC has provided a document: Interim Guidance for Screening for Swine-Origin Influenza A (H1N1) by State and Local Health Departments, Hospitals, and Clinicians in Regions with Few or no Reported Cases of Swine Influenza A (H1N1) the information can be obtained from the CDC webpage: <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/screening>

CURRENT DIVISIONAL RESPONSE STATUS (State)

DOH has a "Case Count" section on our Web site at www.doh.wa.gov/swineflu. The reported numbers will reflect samples sent to the Public Health Laboratories. The numbers will be updated each day at 2 p.m.

Office of the Secretary:

DOH Communications is conducting daily conference calls with LHJ communications staff to coordinate public information response.

4/29/09, 1540: DOH Communications issued English and Spanish language news releases and fact sheets to Spanish language radio stations in the state. The DOH Swine Flu Fact Sheet is now available in the following languages: English, Spanish, Korean, Russian, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Tagalog.

DOH PHEPR staff is holding daily conference calls with Emergency Management Dept. 10:00 a.m. daily through Monday, May 4th.

Health Services Quality Assurance (HSQA):

Community and Family Health (CFA):

N/A

Environmental Health (EH):

5/1/09 Produced a fact sheet to help people clean and disinfect surfaces in homes, schools, childcare centers and businesses which is posted on the DOH website in multiple languages.

Epidemiology Health Statistics and Public Health Laboratories (EHSPHL):

5/2/09 The Public Health Lab should receive the necessary supplies to begin testing for the H1 N1 on Sunday, 5/3/09. They will be verifying methodology and results with CDC for the first tests and hope to begin independent testing within the week.

OTHER:

WEB SITES:

CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>, HIV Information: http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/guidance_HIV.htm
WHO: <http://www.who.int/en/>, Case Counts: http://www.who.int/csr/don/2009_04_28/en/index.html
WA DOH: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/swineflu/default.htm>
The Retired Volunteer Medical Worker Program (RVMW):
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/Professions/RetiredMedicalWorker/default.htm>.
Washington Health Volunteers in Emergencies (WAHVE):
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/phepr/wahve/default.htm>.

FUTURE DOH ACTIONS/PLANNED ACTIONS IN THIS REPORTING PERIOD:

- Monitor status and provide updates to local jurisdictions as necessary.
- Respond to information and resource requests from local jurisdictions.
- Continue to work with Communications Liaison to coordinate news and media releases.
- Continue planning for distribution of SNS supplies to LHJ's.
- Continue to update number of probable and confirmed cases

ANTICIPATED HEALTH and MEDICAL ISSUES:

Distribution of SNS supplies to LHJ's.
Continued requests for information, education, and outreach materials.

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