



DOH SITUATION REPORT # 7
(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)

5/03/09	8:00 AM	Dianna Staley/Jennifer Tebaldi
<small>DATE</small>	<small>TIME</small>	<small>PREPARED BY</small>

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: 658 confirmed cases. 17 deaths

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

WASHINGTON STATE:

IMPACTED JURISDICTIONS: 25 probable cases in Washington (5/2/09)

- 15 King County
- 1 **Pierce County**
- 1 **Skagit County**
- 6 Snohomish County
- 2 Spokane

DOH: EOC Activation Status: **Limited Activation weekend 5/2-3, 2009**

5/1/09, 9:00 am: Convened the Assessment Response Team (ART). All jurisdictions advised via conference call.

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

5/2/09, 10:00: Final SNS distribution received this morning. Seven truck loads have been received. All of expected antivirals have been received and most of personal protective equipment (PPE).

5/1/09: The first SNS shipment arrived at the RSS on 5-1-09. Anticipate distribution to LHJs to begin Monday.

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	5/2/09	Cumulative
Samples submitted for testing at PHL	256	440
Testing completed at DOH PHL	54	169
Probable Cases (Influenza 'A' unsubtypeable at PHL)	9	25
Confirmed Cases	0	0

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

United States (updated 5/2/09, 11:00 am, CDC web site)
160 confirmed cases of swine flu in 22 states

Lab Confirmed	Cases	Deaths
Arizona	4	0
California	24	0
Colorado	2	0
Connecticut	1	0
Delaware	4	0
Florida	2	0
Illinois	3	0
Indiana	3	0
Kansas	2	0
Kentucky	1	0
Massachusetts	8	0
Michigan	2	0
Minnesota	1	0
Missouri	1	0
Nebraska	1	0
Nevada	1	0
New Jersey	7	0
New York	50	0
Ohio	1	0
South Carolina	13	0
Texas	28	1

Virginia	2	0
Total	160	1

Case Counts by Country (updated 5/2/09, 15:41 am, Source: WHO web site, Update #10)

Lab Confirmed	Cases	Deaths
Austria	1	0
Canada	51	0
China, Hong Kong	1	0
Costa Rica	1	0
Denmark	1	0
France	2	0
Germany	6	0
Israel	3	0
Republic of Korea	1	0
Mexico	397	16
Netherlands	1	0
New Zealand	4	0
Spain	13	0
Switzerland	1	0
United Kingdom	15	0
Total:	241	9
United States	160	1
Total	658	17

Syndromic Surveillance:

ODIN:

Fever/Flu Counts

5/1	4/30	4/29	4/28	4/27	4/26	4/25	4/24
53a	120	82b	81	67	50	47	41

a No Data

b No Urgent Care Clinic or Harrison Hospital Data

c 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 (4/28-4/30) over the previous 2 week baseline (for 4/30: 250% increase in fever/flu cases, 9% of all encounters). There has also been a 10% increase in all encounters on 4/30. The 2 week average of fever/flu case reports (4/15-4/28) from all syndromic surveillance sites is 48 cases which comprised 3.8% of all ER and Urgent Care encounters.

Dead: 0
Injured: 0
Ill: 25 (probable cases)
Hospitalized: 0
Other: 0

HOSPITAL STATUS:

No Report at this time.

LOCAL HEALTH JURISDICTION (LHJ) 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:

5/2/09 – 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, 6:00 PM: Children and adults removed from the Orcas Island Y-Camp.

DOH is working with the Dept. of Transportation to assist San Juan County get 267 children and adults in a camp off the island. Seven of the individuals are symptomatic with influenza. San Juan County Health Officer sending samples of the 7 sick individuals to the Public Health Lab.

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.

Statewide:

5/1/09: Several schools in counties with probable cases have decided to close schools temporarily as a precautionary measure. Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has a Swine Flu web site with information for students, parents, teachers and school districts: www.k12.wa.us.

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 Tagalong.

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

Heath 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 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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