Information Provided on 5-5-09

**Background:**
CDC continues to take aggressive action to respond to an expanding outbreak caused by novel H1N1 flu.

CDC’s response goals are to:

1. Reduce transmission and illness severity, and
2. Provide information to help health care providers, public health officials and the public address the challenges posed by this emergency.

CDC continues to issue and update interim guidance daily in response to the rapidly evolving situation. This includes updated interim guidance for clinicians on how to identify and care for people who are sick with novel H1N1 flu now that more widespread illness has been detected in the United States. CDC recommends that testing and antiviral treatment be prioritized for those with severe respiratory illness and those at highest risk of complications from seasonal influenza. This includes children younger than 5 years old, pregnant women, people with chronic medical conditions and weakened immune systems, and people 65 years and older. In addition, CDC has provided information for the public on what to do if they develop flu-like symptoms.

CDC has completed deployment of 25 percent of the supplies in the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) to all states in the continental United States. These supplies and medicines will help states and U.S. territories respond to the outbreak. In addition, the Federal Government and manufacturers have begun the process of developing a vaccine against the novel H1N1 flu virus.

Response actions are aggressive, but they may vary across states and communities depending on local circumstances. Communities, businesses, places of worship, schools and individuals can all take action to slow the spread of this outbreak. People who are sick are urged to stay home from work or school and to avoid contact with others, except to seek medical care. This action can avoid spreading illness further.

**Current Iowa Case Counts as of 5.5.09 10:00am**

- **Confirmed cases:** 1
- **Probable cases:** 29

**Iowa activity summary:** There are 29 probable cases in Iowa. IDPH is working with health care workers statewide and public health partners to identify suspected cases.

**Affected Counties in Iowa**

*Source: IDPH*
Iowa Case Count Update:

One case of novel influenza A H1N1 has been confirmed by the CDC and is in Des Moines County. There are 29 probable cases in Iowa as of today. Twenty seven in Marshall County, one in Story County, and one in Polk County. IDPH is working with health care workers statewide, public health partners, clinical labs, and the University Hygienic Laboratory to identify suspected cases. Suspected cases of novel influenza A (H1N1) should be reported immediately to IDPH by phone at 800-362-2736, option 3.

IDPH ACTIONS:

ECC Command:

- Researching possibilities for reimbursement for expenses incurred by the outbreak. Local agencies are asking. This is not a presidential declaration, therefore the Stafford Act does not apply.
- Guidance expected soon from the CDC on new laboratory testing guidance. Will reduce number of specimens being handled by UHL.
- HLS is now participating in the ECC on a part-time basis.
- Iowa Army National Guard has requested a seat in the ECC

Operations:

- Antiviral medications and PPE are being shipped to Polk County. The following counties have received antivirals and PPE: Clinton, Des Moines, Marshall, Polk, Tama.
- Operations tracking inventory indicating antiviral usage by county.
- Continue close work with DPH on security at antiviral site.
- Continue coordinating with local public health and health care providers to increase surveillance.
- Continue Epi surveillance and outbreak investigations.
- IDPH is sharing updated information regularly with local public health officials, health care providers, other state agencies, and private partners.

Media:

- All calls 5.4.09 focused on updated case counts.
- No rumors to address today.

Current U.S. Case Counts

Source: www.cdc.gov

As of 5-5-09 cases confirmed by CDC

403 with 1 death (child)

- Alabama (4 case)
- Arizona (17 case)
- California (49 cases)
- Colorado (6 cases)
- Connecticut (2 cases)
- Delaware (20 cases)
- Florida (5 cases)
- Georgia (1 case)
- Idaho (1 case)
- Illinois (82 cases)
- Indiana (3 cases)
- Iowa (1 case)
- Kansas (2 cases)
- Kentucky (1 case)
- Louisiana (7 cases)
- Maine (1 case)
- Maryland (4 cases)
- Massachusetts (6 cases)
- Michigan (2 cases)
- Minnesota (1 cases)
- Missouri (1 case)
- Nebraska (1 cases)
- Nevada (1 case)
- New Hampshire (1 case)
- New Jersey (6 cases)
- New Mexico (1 case)
- New York (90 cases)
- North Carolina (1 case)
- Ohio (3 cases)
- Oregon (15 cases)
- Pennsylvania (1 case)
- Rhode Island (1 case)
- South Carolina (16 cases)
- Tennessee (2 case)
- Texas (41 cases) (1 death)
- Utah (1 case)
- Virginia (3 cases)
- Wisconsin (3 cases)
- CDC may change school closure guidelines.
- CDC may cease reporting probable cases and move to aggregate are reporting.
- Iowa Pork Producers requested their information be forwarded to local public health agencies. Information was forwarded, as requested.
- DOE provided information for IDPH school closure toolkit that has been developed and distributed.

**Planning:**
- Long term forecasting for confirmation of additional cases
- Working on short and long term incident action plans

**Logistics:**
- Providing ongoing support to Operations Unit to transport products to affected counties.
- Developing ongoing response staffing patterns.
- Continuing to arrange conference calls with local partners and local public health and hospitals.

**Finance:**
- Process timesheets recording response work time
- Financial documentation associated with response continues.
- Developed guidelines for employees to report time

**UHL:**
- UHL continues to test specimens

**SIP:**
- Working with SIP Board of Directors on education toolkit for businesses
- Fielding questions from international business
- Coordinating media questions through communications unit
- Answering specific calls from businesses
- SIP is critical to the success of IDPH moving antivirals and PPE to local communities

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**Current International Case Counts**
Source: www.who.int/en/

As of 5-5-09, 21 countries including the US, have officially reported 1124 cases of influenza A (H1N1) infection.

- Mexico (590 cases) (25 deaths)
- Austria (1 case)
- Canada (140 cases)
- China, Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region (1 cases)
- Costa Rica (1 case)
- Columbia (1 cases)
- Denmark (1 cases)
- El Salvador (2 cases)
- France (4 cases)
- Germany (8 cases)
- Ireland (1 case)
- Israel (4 cases)
- Italy (2 case)
- Netherlands (1 case)
- New Zealand (6 cases)
- Republic of Korea (1 case)
- Spain (54 cases)
- Switzerland (1 case)
- United Kingdom (18 cases)

**Daily Call Center Calls:**

- **Public Call Center**
  - 1-800-447-1985
  - Monday: 166
  - Total calls since 4/28/09: 1430

- **Health Care Call Center**
  - 1-866-282-5815
  - Monday: 24