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Preparedness Brief Special Edition

Dear "Brief" Readers,

As the human swine influenza A (H1N1) outbreak continues to expand, NACCHO is responding by working with partners to continually identify the critical needs of local health departments and to help ensure that those needs are met. This Special Edition of the "Preparedness Brief" focuses on the H1N1 flu, providing you with a variety of resources and tools that can assist you in your planning efforts. For official guidance and information, we encourage you to visit [CDC Web site on H1N1 flu](#). We also encourage you to visit the [NACCHO H1N1 flu Web site](#) for additional information. For additional tools and resources regarding planning and response, please visit [NACCHO's Preparedness Toolbox](#). Finally, please e-mail us at H1N1info@naccho.org with any questions that you would like for us to pass along to the CDC regarding the H1N1 flu virus and response efforts.

Thank you for all the hard work you do to keep our communities safe!

NACCHO

Start making plans now to attend the NACCHO Annual 2009 Conference, set for July 29 – 31, in Orlando, Florida, at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort.

Visit:
www.naccho.org/events/nacchoannual2009/

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Preparedness Brief Editors:

News, Reports, and Journal Articles

CDC Releases Interim Guidance for Schools, Colleges, and University

[Source: CDC](#)

CDC released interim guidance for school (K – 12) dismissal and childcare facilities in response to human infections with the 2009 influenza A H1N1 virus. In addition, CDC also released a H1N1 flu infections alert for institutions of higher education. The guidance provides recommendations on school dismissals, closures, and more.

[Click here for more information](#)

Swine-Origin Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infections in a School -- New York City, April 2009

[Source: CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Dispatch](#) (April 30, 2009)

This report provides details about the confirmed cases of the swine-origin influenza A (H1N1) virus infection. It also provides information about the patients and the outbreak investigation, led by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

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Infections With a Swine-Origin Influenza A (H1N1) Virus, U. S. and Other Countries

[Source: CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly](#) (April 28, 2009) Vol.58 No.16

This report reviews and highlights the confirmed cases of the swine flu and the control measures that have been taken by the CDC. In addition, details about the cases are revealed.

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Zarnaaz Bashir, Editor in-
Chief

FDA Authorizes Emergency Use of Influenza Medicines, Diagnostic Test in Response to Swine Flu Outbreak in Humans

[Source: FDA](#) (April 27, 2009)

Jack Herrmann, Editor in-
Chief

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued Emergency Use Authorizations

Megan Skupien, Lead Editor

(EUAs) for important diagnostic and therapeutic tools to be available to public health

Costanza Galastri, Editor

and medical personnel. These tools are essential for the identification and response of

Janusz Wasiolek, Editor

the swine flu virus.

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Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for Medical Products and Devices

[Source: CDC](#)

The CDC Web site provides information and resources about Emergency Use

Authorization for Medical Products and Devices. Links to the FDA Web site and EUA

guidance document are posted.

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The Swine Flu Affair

[Source: Institute of Medicine of the National Academies](#) (April 2009)

The IOM President released a free electronic edition of "The Swine Flu Affair," offering

lessons from the 1976 swine flu scare.

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Resources and Tools

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The CDC Web site provides critical information on swine flu, including guidance for professionals and travel notices. The CDC continues to issue interim guidance daily on the Web site.

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: PandemicFlu.gov

PandemicFlu.gov provides access to current information on the swine flu outbreak and serves as a centralized repository of information around pandemic flu planning.

[Click here for more information](#)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: National Library of Medicine, Swine Flu Resources

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) Web site provides numerous links to sources of information on U.S. federal and international response; guidance documents for professionals; maps, news feeds and social media; and much more.

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World Health Organization

The World Health Organization (WHO) offers critical swine flu information on its Web site including daily updates and statements from the Director-General.

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Public Education Resources and Tools

Avian Influenza and Pandemic Influenza Presentation

This is a presentation that serves as resource of education for local health

departments and organizations regarding pandemic and avian influenza.

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Pandemic Flu Planning Guide

Source: [King County Government Web site](#)

This 8-page booklet offers a pandemic flu planning checklist, tips for preventing the spread of flu, and a guide to caring for someone with the flu. It was originally written in response to the threat of bird flu, but applies to swine flu or any kind of influenza.

[Click here for more information](#)

Stop the Spread! A Toolkit for Preventing the Spread of Germs in Clinics and Office Settings

This tool focuses on infection control measures clinics and office settings can take to prevent the spread of germs, including influenza. It includes office and clinic information, patient education materials, and an audio slide presentation on infection control measures.

[Click here for more information](#)

Pandemic Influenza School Planning Toolkit

This toolkit is designed to assist local public health agencies in partnering with the schools within their jurisdictions for pandemic emergency preparedness planning.

[Click here for more information](#)

Stop Germs, Stay Healthy!

Source: [King County Government Web site](#)

This is a public education campaign that encourages and supports healthy behaviors that are effective in limiting the spread of respiratory illnesses such as colds and influenza.

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Risk Communication Resources and Tools

Emergency Risk Communication for Public Health Professionals

This web-based course was developed by the Seattle/King County Advanced Practice Center in collaboration with the University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine, to provide an introduction to emergency risk communication concepts and principles.

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Risk Communication and Public Education Toolkit

The goal of the Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication (CERC) Toolkit is to provide information and materials to other public health departments and assist in the development and organization of public information activities.

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Self-Instruction Course: Risk Communication

Pan American Health Organization

The elements of risk communication are described, as well as strategies and effective procedures for intervention in this area.

[Click here for more information](#)

Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication (CERC)

The CDC's Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication (CERC) Web site provides education materials such as online training, in-person training, books, best practices,

and more for the professional interested in CERC.

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COOP Resources and Tools

Human Capital Planning for Pandemic Influenza: Information for Agencies and Departments

[Source: U.S. Office of Personnel Management](#) (2006)

This document serves as a guide for workforce resilience planning for a variety of audiences. It includes suggestions for telework and continuity of operations plans.

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Continuity of Operations Plan: Okeechobee County Health Department

This is an example of a Continuity of Operations Plan from Okeechobee County, FL, which was deemed as a best practice by Project Public Health Ready (PPHR).

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Business Continuity of Operations Plan

This sample, adaptable business continuity of operations plan from the Cleveland Department of Public Health includes a number of strategies to deal with a pandemic or outbreak.

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Legal Preparedness Resources and Tools

Swine Flu Legal Preparedness and Response

Personnel at the Centers for Law and the Public's Health (a collaborative at Johns Hopkins and Georgetown Universities) are working to track various legal updates related to declarations of emergency or public health emergency at the international, national, and state levels. Many resources and tools are available on the Web site.

[Click here for more information](#)

CDC Public Health Law Program

Discover legal tools and resources at the CDC Public Health Law Program: 1) Case study: "Strengthening the Coordination of Public Health and Law Enforcement during an Influenza Pandemic" 2) Guide for Developing an MOU for Multi-sector Response to Pandemic Respiratory Disease 3) Pan-Flu Preparedness Legal Checklist for Healthcare Providers.

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Vulnerable Populations Resources and Tools

At Risk Populations and Pandemic Influenza: Planning Guidance

This project developed guidance for state, territorial, tribal and local health departments on planning for at-risk populations and pandemic influenza.

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Pan Flu and Us

This toolkit is designed to assist LHDs in conducting a

pandemic flu preparedness workshop for home care providers.

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No Ordinary Flu

This is a comic that illustrates a compelling story through the eyes of a survivor of the 1918 pandemic. It is designed to communicate pandemic flu preparedness messages to limited-English-proficient, non-English-proficient, and low-literacy groups.

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Isolation and Quarantine Resources and Tools

Pandemic Influenza: Quarantine, Isolation and Social Distancing - Field Guide for Public Health

The document contains checklists for consideration in risk communication, addressing fear, personal protective equipment, compliance, psychological first aid, and stress unique to healthcare workers.

[Click here for more information](#)

Planning and Managing for Isolation and Quarantine (Advanced Practice Toolkit)

[Source: Public Health, Seattle and King County Government](#)

This useful toolkit is a guide to help local health departments develop the capacity to respond to events that may require isolation and quarantine.

[Click here for more information](#)

Surge Resources and Tools

Medical Mass Care During an Influenza Pandemic – Guide and Toolkit for Establishing Care Centers

The toolkit provides scalable, operational direction and tools for the establishment of alternative care sites, i.e. Influenza Care Centers (ICC) to meet the health care needs of patients requiring hospital care who are not able to receive such care at one of the local hospitals.

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Mass Fatality Incident Management: Guidance for Hospitals and Other Healthcare Entities

[Source: Los Angeles County Health Services](#)

This document details the guidelines that have been developed to aid hospitals and other healthcare entities within Los Angeles County in response to a multi-fatality incident.

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