

Emergency Support Function 15 – External Affairs
April 29, 2009

KEY EFFORTS

Lead State Responsibilities

- State Public Health: California, Texas, Ohio, New York, Kansas, Arizona, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan and Nevada

Lead Federal Responsibilities

- Lead Federal Strategic Communications Direction - White House Communications
- Lead Federal Communications Coordination - DHS Public Affairs
- Lead Federal Public Health - HHS/CDC
- Lead International (Consular Affairs) – DOS
- Lead Food Safety and Animal Health – USDA
- Lead Federal Personnel Communications – OPM
- Lead Communicator for Educational Facilities-Dept. of Education

World Health Organization

- WHO Phase of Pandemic Alert has been changed from Phase 4 to Phase 5 (Widespread Human Infection).
- Phase 5 is characterized by human-to-human spread of the virus into at least two countries in one WHO region.
- This information has been updated on WHO's website: <http://www.who.int/en/>

2009 H1N1 Flu

Based on recommendations from scientists and medical professionals across government we are calling this virus 2009 H1N1 flu. There is no evidence at this time that swine in the United States are infected with this virus strain and therefore, this is not an animal health or food safety issue. The H1N1 virus strain that is emerging is a mixture of genetic material from other swine, avian and human influenza strains. Referring to this virus strain as swine flu mischaracterizes the genetic makeup of this virus and inaccurately conveys the notion that the virus is being transmitted by swine.

What's most important here are not changes in names, but rather that people need to stay updated on the changing nature of this outbreak and to stay informed with the most current guidance from public health professionals and health care providers.

Center for Disease Control:

- CDC is reporting 91 human infections with this influenza A (H1N1) virus of swine origin in the United States. (An increase in 27 over the number of cases reported yesterday.) The list of states with the numbers of people who are confirmed cases is

updated daily at 11am at www.cdc.gov/swineflu.

- Human infections with this new virus have been confirmed in 10 states at this time. Today, CDC also is reporting the nation's first death from this outbreak. This death occurred in the state of Texas in a 22-month-old child.
- Sadly, we expect to see more hospitalizations and more see deaths from this outbreak over the coming days and weeks. Based on the rapid spread of the virus thus far, we believe that more cases will be identified over the coming weeks and months.
- CDC's goals during this public health emergency are to reduce transmission and illness severity, and provide information to assist health care providers, public health officials and the public in addressing the challenges posed by this newly identified influenza virus.
- This is a rapidly evolving situation and guidance should be considered interim and will be updated frequently.
- On April 27 CDC, issued a travel health warning recommending that travelers postpone all non-essential travel to Mexico until further notice.
- CDC has developed a real-time RT-PCR Detection Panel to expand and maintain the operational capabilities of public health or other qualified laboratories by providing a detection tool for the presumptive presence of this influenza A /H1N1 virus. This diagnostic test is being distributed to states nationwide to increase their capacity to test at the state level.
- In addition, distribution of antiviral drugs, personal protective equipment, and respiratory protection devices from CDC's Division of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) to all 50 states and U.S. territories continues.
- The Strategic National Stockpile has 49.9 million regimens of antiviral drugs. Six million of this total quantity is designated for specific purposes i.e. containment and the remaining 44 million are allocated to the public health emergency preparedness project areas, based on their population. The SNS deployment includes approximately 11 million antiviral regimens, masks, N95 respirators, Gowns, Gloves and face shields
- And we have begun the process to get a vaccine developed.
 - Stay informed. Health officials will provide additional information as it becomes available. Visit www.cdc.gov/swineflu
- Take these everyday steps to protect your health:
 - Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- Do not go to work or school if you are sick. CDC recommends that you limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- **If you are sick, do not go to work or school.**
- Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures.
- If you don't have one yet, consider developing a family emergency plan as a precaution. This should include storing a supply of extra food, medicines, facemasks and other essential supplies.

Department of Homeland Security

At the advice of the public health community and the best scientific information we have, we do not intend to close our nation's borders. With containment no longer feasible, closing the border would do little to prevent a virus that is already present in the United States. We continue to remain focused on mitigation efforts at the recommendation of both the CDC and World Health Organization (WHO) based on what we currently know about H1N1.

Yesterday, Secretary Napolitano announced the establishment of an operations coordination task force for the H1N1 flu outbreak. This task force will consist of chiefs of staff from relevant departments and agencies to focus on current operations and coordination of the U.S. government's response to H1N1 and plan for future needs. In addition, President Obama also has requested \$1.5 billion from Congress to support H1N1 response.

At our borders, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) personnel continue to watch for signs of illness among travelers entering the United States. Travelers presenting symptoms will be isolated and evaluated by a public health official. CBP is also handing out CDC Traveler's Health Alert Notices in both English and Spanish to all travelers from Mexico.

As of today, CBP has referred a total of 49 suspected cases to the CDC or state and local health officials. All results have been negative, except 8 that are still pending. No one has been turned away and we are not denying entry into the United States on the basis of illness. Precautions are being taken to protect travelers and border personnel. Anyone that is exhibiting symptoms is referred to an isolated room where they can be evaluated by public health officials before proceeding to their destination.

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has instituted similar protocols at airports, watching for individuals exhibiting flu-like symptoms and taking the appropriate

measures, including requesting the individual proceed to an area removed from other traveling passengers where local health officials will meet them.

Transportation Security Administration:

- TSA Officers are watching out for passenger illness while conducting screening. If an officer encounters an individual displaying symptoms they will provide the passenger a mask, wear one themselves, and request the individual proceed to an area removed from other traveling passengers where local health officials will meet them.
- TSA posted the CDC Traveler's Health Alert Notice to all document checking stations in front of security checkpoints and continues to work with airport stakeholders to post the at all airport gates, ticket counters, and on reservation Web sites, as well as other modes of transit.

DHS Civil Rights and Civil Liberties:

- The H1N1 Flu does not target any one race, ethnicity, national origin, or religion.
- The virus cannot be associated or attributed to any particular group of individuals.

Customs and Border Patrol:

- CBP continues to employ risk-based border screening to identify travelers who may be ill. This type of screening allows our personnel to observe travelers and identify signs of possible illness, as well as speak to those who may approach officers with complaints or sickness or illness who seek medical care. CBP has made available to its personnel personal protective equipment such as gloves, masks, and antivirals.
- The borders are open. Trade and travel continue to flow. Our personnel are distributing traveler health alert notices flyers to public.

US Coast Guard:

- The Coast Guard has directed all field personnel to be on the look out for people exhibiting flu-like symptoms on vessels encountered during safety and security operations and to strictly follow existing communicable disease response and notification protocols if required. The USCG does not provide recommendations to maritime companies or individuals on avoiding a specific country.
- The USCG has engaged the maritime industry to ensure vessel operators, crews and maritime entities are aware of the situation, taking action to prevent the spread of illness, and following existing protocols requiring notification to CDC of ill personnel on board prior to arrival in U.S. ports.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement:

- ICE is not aware of any individuals with a confirmed case of H1N1 in its detainee population. However, we are in continuous direct contact with authorities in states and locations where ICE detains people as well as the CDC, which is closely monitoring the H1N1 outbreak.
- Each detention facility used by ICE maintains a plan that addresses the management of infectious and communicable diseases, which includes coordination with public health

authorities.

US Customs and Immigration Services:

- All USCIS offices in Mexico, with the sole exception of the visa section in Ciudad Juarez, are currently closed due to a travel health warning issued by the State Department. The offices are closed to the public; however, they may be made available in emergency cases.
- All other USCIS offices throughout the world remain open; customers may attend all previously scheduled appointments, interviews, and ceremonies unless they feel ill.
- Office closing information is updated on the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov; customers can also contact the National Customer Service Center at 800-375-5283.

US Department of Agriculture:

- USDA is reminding its trading partners that U.S. pork and pork products are safe and there is no basis for restricting imports of commercially produced U.S. pork and pork products. This is not an animal health or food safety issue. This discovery of the A-H1N1 virus is in humans. Any trade restrictions would be inconsistent with World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) guidelines.
- USDA continues to remind U.S. pork producers about the importance of ensuring their herds are healthy and to take all appropriate bio-security measures.
- The Department of Agriculture (USDA) continues to work with all state animal health officials to affirm they have no signs of animal illness in their states. To date, no cases have been reported. USDA and the United States Trade Representative also remind our international partners that U.S. pork and pork products are safe and there is no basis for restricting imports.

Food and Drug Administration:

- FDA Issued Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs) to make available to public health and medical personnel tools to identify and respond to the H1N1 virus under certain circumstances. The agency issued these EUAs for the use of certain Relenza and Tamiflu antiviral products, and for the rRT-PCR H1N1 Panel diagnostic test.
- On Monday (April 27), the FDA issued Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs) to addresses the off-label use of these FDA-approved products, since normal prescribing and dispensing requirements cannot be met.
- The EUAs allow for oseltamivir to also be used to treat children younger than 1 year of age, and prevent influenza in children 3 months to 1 year of age.

Department of Defense:

- DoD's first priority is to preserve the ability of our servicemen and women and our DoD civilians worldwide to provide for national defense and sustain current military operations worldwide.
- DoD is monitoring the health of the force to ensure we're taking the necessary

precautions to educate and safeguard military and civilian personnel, as well as family members.

- DOD has contingency plans to address a pandemic in the U.S. and, if required, will follow procedures to ensure the health of the force and provide appropriate support to the American public.

Department of Education:

- Department of Education has shared CDC's school-specific guidance on mitigation and when to close campuses with key stakeholders around the country.
- ED will post additional guidance for school leaders and parents on ED.gov today in the form of answers to frequently asked school-specific questions, an update to ED's pre-existing page on pandemic flu, and continually updated CDC's H1N1 widget.
- ED is keeping track of school closings throughout the United States and asks schools and districts to inform ED's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools of any closures: osdfs.safeschl@ed.gov. (This is in addition to notification to public health authorities, of course.)

Department of Justice:

- The Department is providing information from recommended public health sources to personnel regarding protection against and prevention of H1N1 Flu.
- The Department and its components continue to monitor the situation and stand ready to provide law enforcement and legal assistance as appropriate.
- Inspectors from the U.S. Marshals Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Security Operations program are actively engaged in providing CDC with law enforcement assistance, route assessments and site security briefings for the deployment of pharmaceuticals.

Department of Labor:

- Department of Labor and OSHA are addressing safety and health hazards in our nation's workplaces, particularly the steps that need to be taken to protect the country's responders: health care workers, border guards and other employees who are crucial to addressing this potential health threat.
- OSHA has developed general guidance on pandemic influenza and more expansive guidance directed at healthcare workers and employers, and the Department is closely consulting with the White House, Departments Homeland Security, Health and Human Services and others to make sure that those precautions are taken.

US Department of Transportation:

- DOT is working with transportation industry stakeholders in aviation, railroads, cruise ships, transit, trucking, and buses to ensure proper protective actions are being taken while minimizing the impact on the traveling public and transportation industries.
- DOT is studying possible economic impacts of the H1N1 outbreak on transportation

industries.

- DOT is participating in an interagency legal review of emergency authorities for this type of disease outbreak.

US National Guard:

- The National Guard will be fully involved at the local, state and federal levels in the planning and executing of the nation's response to this H1N1 outbreak.
- More than 400,000 National Guard soldiers and airmen are available to the state governors to respond to this crisis, even while nearly 40,000 remain deployed overseas.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

- There have been no reports of any impact on the NRC or any NRC licensees.
- The NRC will maintain contact with industry representatives regarding this matter until further notice.
- Should the federal government determine that conditions warrant implementing the nation's pandemic response plan, the NRC will act in concert with the Department of Homeland Security, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other federal agencies.

H1N1 Resources:

<http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>

For more information or call 1-800-CDC-INFO

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/swineflu

Please send your H1N1 talking points to: nationaljic@dhs.gov

State Department Travel Advisories: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html

Widgets from CDC: <http://www.hhs.gov/web/library/index.html#HHSWidgets>
<http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>

Media contact for CDC H1N1 email address: mediaswineflu@dhs.gov

FDA's Emergency Use Authorization of Medical Products Guidance, go to www.fda.gov/oc/guidance/emergencyuse.html.

To report school closings: flu@ed.gov

What others are saying:

GALLUP PRINCETON, NJ -- Although 22% of Americans report worrying about getting swine flu, there appears to be only minimal impact on the public's daily behavior so far, despite extensive news coverage about the virus and its potential spread. A Gallup Poll conducted Tuesday night shows that just 1% to 3% of Americans say they decided not to go shopping or go out to a restaurant, canceled an airline trip, decided not to use mass transit, stayed home from work, or kept a child home from school because of concerns about swine flu.

<http://www.gallup.com/poll/118078/Worries-Swine-Flu-Not-Yet-Affecting-Behavior.aspx>

Our Opinion: Quick Global Reponse Key To Swine Flu Fight

Because of pandemic threats in recent years, government officials in this country have a clear idea of how to address the situation. There are no guarantees that everything that will be done will work, but it is reassuring to note that things are being done. If health officials weren't doing anything, then it might truly be time to panic.

<http://www.yankton.net/articles/2009/04/29/opinion/editorials/doc49f7bda5374b7153321025.txt>

NATIONAL DAILY EVENT SCHEDULE**Today-April 28, 2009**

Time	Event	Lead Organization
2:30PM PST	CA	State of California
2:30PM CDT	Iowa	State of Iowa
4PM CDT	Michigan	State of Michagin
5PM EDT	North Carolina	State of North Carolina
9PM EDT	White House Press Conference	White House

Tomorrow-April 29, 2009

Time	Event	Lead Organization
11AM EDT (DAILY)	NICCL	DHS NJIC
12PM EDT (DAILY)	North Carolina	State of North Carolina
1PM EDT	CDC News Conference	CDC
1PM EDT	HHS/DHS Webcast Teleconference	HHS/DHS HQ
1PM EDT (DAILY)	Dr. Jose Montero, Director of Public Health, media conference	State of New Hampshire
2:30PM PST (DAILY)	Gov of California	State of California

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3PM EST (DAILY)	DHS/HHS HQ	DHS/HHS HQ
5PM EDT (DAILY)	North Carolina	State of North Carolina

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**Appendix 10 to Annex A to Emergency Support Function 15 External Affairs
ESF 15 Information Update – H1N1 Flu**

*All times listed in this update are Eastern
Unknown release times are listed as noon
Wednesday, April 29, 2009*

104	<p>(Sent) 4/29 ESF 15--SICCL State communicators, Please find the attached ESF 15 Communications Summary and Information Update for the H1N1 flu outbreak.</p>
103	<p>(Sent) 4/29 ESF 15--NICCL Federal communicators, Please find the attached ESF 15 Communications Summary and Information Update for the H1N1 flu outbreak.</p>
102	<p>(Sent 6:00 p.m.) SICCL--TESTIMONY BY SECRETARY NAPOLITANO TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS ON FEDERAL COORDINATION IN RESPONSE TO THE H1N1 FLU OUTBREAK</p> <p>SECRETARY NAPOLITANO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman [Senator Joe Lieberman], Senator [Susan] Collins, members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the national response to the H1N1 flu outbreak. This is, as you have noted, a serious situation that we are treating aggressively.</p> <p>As President Obama said yesterday it is a cause for concern but not for alarm. There is a lot we don't yet know about this outbreak, but we have been preparing, as if we are facing a true pandemic, even though we don't know the ultimate scope of what will occur. We also have been preparing with the understanding that this will be a marathon and not a sprint. We are going to be at this for a while.</p> <p>www.dhs.gov</p>
101	<p>(Sent 5:58 p.m.) NICCL--TESTIMONY BY SECRETARY NAPOLITANO TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS ON FEDERAL COORDINATION IN RESPONSE TO THE H1N1 FLU OUTBREAK</p> <p>SECRETARY NAPOLITANO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman [Senator Joe Lieberman], Senator [Susan] Collins, members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the national response to the H1N1 flu outbreak. This is, as you have noted, a serious situation that we are treating aggressively.</p> <p>As President Obama said yesterday it is a cause for concern but not for alarm. There is a lot we don't yet know about this outbreak, but we have been preparing, as if we are facing a true pandemic, even though we don't know the ultimate scope of what will occur. We also have been preparing with the understanding that this will be a marathon and not a sprint. We are going to be at this for a while.</p> <p>www.dhs.gov</p>
100	<p>(Sent 4:07) Kentucky Department for Public Health Continues to Be on Alert for Cases of Swine Flu Currently Testing Specimens Submitted by Health Care Providers</p> <p>FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 29, 2009) The Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH) continues to be alert for the presence of swine flu in Kentucky, but has not detected any probable or confirmed cases. If such a case is identified, samples from the patient will be sent to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for further testing.</p>

	<p>“While we do not yet have confirmed cases of swine flu in Kentucky, we are continuing to carefully evaluate all potential cases that are being reported by our health care community,” said Public Health Commissioner William Hacker, M.D. “We also join the CDC in cautioning Kentuckians against nonessential travel to Mexico.”</p> <p>DPH also reminds Kentuckians who have traveled recently to Mexico, or other countries or communities within the U.S. where swine flu infection has been reported, or who are planning such travel, to be alert for the symptoms of swine flu in the following ways:</p>
99	<p>(Sent 4:40 p.m.) Indiana Press Release - U.S. Pork Supply Remains Safe</p> <p>INDIANAPOLIS -- Consumers can take confidence in the safety of the U.S. pork supply and the products they eat, even in light of the recent influenza health concerns.</p> <p>“Influenza is not spread via meat or meat products; therefore, pork is safe to eat,” says Indiana State Veterinarian Bret D. Marsh. “As always, we remind consumers of normal food safety precautions, including handling meat products to avoid cross contamination and to cook them to an internal temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit. People just need to know that influenza is not a food safety threat.”</p> <p>Dr. Marsh explains that sick animals are rejected from the human food supply when they are presented for inspection at a processing facility. Inspectors from the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture are trained to spot any signs of illness or abnormality that would require an animal to be rejected.</p>
98	<p>(Sent 4:34 p.m.) Granholm Administration Outlines Steps Michigan is Taking to Protect Citizens Against Influenza A (H1N1) Virus</p> <p>Statewide coordinated response to virus outbreak under way</p> <p>Governor Jennifer M. Granholm's administration today outlined the rigorous and comprehensive response under way in Michigan, in coordination with the federal government and health industry experts, as a result of a confirmed case of Influenza A (H1N1) in Michigan.</p>
97	<p>(Sent 3:51 pm) SICCL Advisory# 93- 2009 H1N1 FLU UPDATE</p>
96	<p>(Sent 3:49 pm) NICCL Advisory# 92- 2009 H1N1 FLU UPDATE</p>
95	<p>(Sent 3:26 pm) Texas Department of State Health Services</p> <p>News Release April 29, 2009</p> <p>Texas Reports Swine Flu in Child from Mexico City</p> <p>Swine influenza has been confirmed in a 22-month-old boy from Mexico City who died earlier this week in a Houston-area hospital. The boy, who had several underlying health problems, had traveled with his family to visit relatives in Texas.</p> <p>Swine flu was confirmed in laboratory testing done by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. The Texas Department of State Health Services was notified of the finding earlier today.</p> <p>Preliminary illness investigation information indicates that on April 4 the boy had traveled with his</p>

	<p>family on a commercial flight from Mexico City to Matamoros, Mexico, for a visit with relatives in Brownsville, just across the Mexico-Texas border.</p> <p>The boy developed a fever on April 8 followed by other influenza-like symptoms. He was admitted to a Brownsville hospital a few days later and the next day was transferred to a Houston-area hospital by a medical transport service.</p> <p>Though an illness investigation continues, state health officials said the boy would not have been infectious on the Mexico-to-Matamoros flight and that none of the boy's known close contacts has subsequently become ill with influenza-like symptoms.</p> <p>Citing personal privacy concerns for the boy's family, medical confidentiality requirements and the absence of an obvious health threat from the boy to the public at large, state health officials declined to provide specific dates or other details at this time.</p>
94	<p>(Sent 1:51 pm) State of Michigan Media Advisory Briefings on Status of Influenza A (H1N1) Virus in Michigan</p> <p>What: Briefings on the status of Influenza A (H1N1) virus (previously referred to as swine flue) in Michigan</p> <p>When: Wednesday, April 29, 2009</p>
93	<p>(Sent 1:17 pm) Gov. Perry Bolsters Precautionary Measures to Address Swine Flu in Texas Governor's Press Office: 512-463-1826</p> <p>AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry today bolstered the state's precautionary measures to address the swine flu threat as a result of confirmed cases in certain parts of the state by issuing a disaster declaration for the entire state of Texas. The disaster declaration allows the state to implement emergency protective measures and seek reimbursement under the federal Stafford Act for protective measures associated with the state's response to this public health threat.</p> <p>“Texans need to know there is no cause for panic and Texans can be assured that the state will take every necessary precaution to protect the lives of our citizens,” Gov. Perry said. “My office, along with the Department of State Health Services and other state, local and federal partners, have a plan in place to protect Texans should there be a pandemic flu outbreak or other health emergency.”</p>
92	<p>(Sent 1:23 pm) SICCL Advisory</p>
91	<p>(Sent 1:16 p.m.) NICCL--ESF 15 Information Update</p>
90	<p>(Sent 12:08 a.m.) SICCL-OPM Director Berry Drives Plan to Increase Telework among Federal Employees <i>Advisory group would set standards; Telework Manager serves each agency</i></p> <p>Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Office of Personnel Management Director John Berry today announced a comprehensive plan to jumpstart agency telework programs out of a plodding first gear into a cruising fifth gear, giving tens-of-thousands more Federal employees nationwide the opportunity to leave their</p>

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88	<p>(Sent 11:52 a.m.) VIRGINIA COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AFFIRMS THAT PORK PRODUCTS ARE SAFE AND THAT CONSUMERS CANNOT CONTRACT THE H1N1 VIRUS BY EATING PORK PRODUCTS Contact: Elaine Lidholm, 804.786.7686</p> <p>Todd Haymore, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), has affirmed the statement of Secretary Vilsack of the U.S. Department of Agriculture about the safety of pork products. "I want to reiterate what Secretary Vilsack said on three key points," said Haymore. "One, there is no evidence at this time that U.S. swine have been infected with this virus. Two, our pork and pork products are safe to eat. And three, our Virginia pork producers are very consistent and thorough in their bio-security practices to prevent the introduction or spread of disease. We have a comprehensive surveillance system in Virginia and in the United States to monitor animal health, and our producers and processors all know it is in their best interest to adhere to a strict program of bio-security."</p>
87	<p>(Sent 4/28) Government of Canada Provides Update on Prevention Measures Being Taken Regarding Human Swine Influenza</p> <p>(OTTAWA) Minister of Health Leona Aglukkaq and Chief Public Health Officer Dr. David Butler-Jones today provided an update to Canadians on further actions that have been taken by the Government of Canada in the management of the Human Swine Influenza outbreak. The federal government continues to work closely with the provinces and territories and international partners to protect the health and safety of Canadians.</p>
86	<p>(Sent 10:57 p.m.) South Carolina DHEC update on swine flu sampling</p> <p>COLUMBIA, S.C. - A total of 10 probable cases of the swine flu virus has been identified in the state, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control announced today.</p> <p>"Samples that are untypeable and considered probable cases are being sent to the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for further evaluation and testing," said Jerry Gibson, M.D., chief of DHEC's Bureau of Disease Control. "We expect that those who are sick to voluntarily isolate themselves for a short time and those who were exposed should voluntarily quarantine themselves at home."</p> <p>http://www.scdhec.gov/administration/news/2009/nr20090429-01.htm</p>
85	(Sent 10:38 a.m.) State Officials Clarify Name of Influenza A (H1N1) Virus

	<p>INDIANAPOLIS – State officials are encouraging media outlets to use Influenza A (H1N1)/North American/Human when referring to the current influenza strain, rather than swine flu.</p> <p>The virus causing the current influenza outbreak is not a virus that normally infects pigs, but a combination of human, swine and bird viruses. The flu virus causing the current outbreak, now called Influenza A (H1N1)/North America/Human, has adapted itself to be easily transmitted from person-to-person.</p>
84	(Sent 10:37 a.m.) SICCL--ESF 15 Information Update
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82	<p>(Sent 5:00 PM ChST) Joint press release by Guam Homeland Security and Guam Department of Public Health (DPHSS).</p> <p><i>This is this first joint release issued relative to the H1N1 Flu Outbreak for Guam. All previous releases were disseminated by DPHSS.</i></p> <p>(GUAM) Department of Public Health and Social Services and Guam Homeland Security form Unified Command Local Officials call for partial activation of EOCs following Swine Flu Outbreak in US</p> <p>Over the last few days the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) together with the Office of the Governor and Guam Homeland Security and the Office of Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) have been closely monitoring the events surrounding the Swine Influenza Outbreak in the United States and Mexico.</p>
81	<p>(Sent 4/28) USDA Press Release UPDATED STATEMENT BY AGRICULTURE SECRETARY VILSACK REGARDING USDA EFFORTS REGARDING H1N1 FLU OUTBREAK</p> <p>“I want to reiterate that U.S. pork is safe. While we in the U.S. are continuing to monitor for new cases of H1N1 flu, the American food supply is safe.”</p>
80	<p>(Sent 8:57 a.m.) NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Nebraska has Probable Case of Swine Flu</p> <p>Lincoln—A probable case of swine influenza has been determined in Nebraska, according to Dr. Joann Schaefer, Chief Medical Officer for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/newsroom/newsreleases/2009/Apr/swineflu2.htm</p>
79	<p>(Sent 10:10 a.m.) SICCL—SICCL Call Reminder</p> <p>The DHS Office of Public Affairs will be conducting a H1N1 SICCL call at 1 p.m. Eastern Time. Call in info: 1-800-320-4330 Code 659521#.</p>
78	<p>(Sent 9:58 a.m.) SICCL—HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius will hold a press conference to update on the H1N1 flu situation.</p> <p>Credentialed press only in the auditorium. Others may view the presentation via closed circuit television in the Humphrey Building Great Hall.</p>
77	<p>(Sent 9:53 a.m.) NICCL--HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius will hold a press conference to update on the H1N1 flu situation.</p> <p>Credentialed press only in the auditorium. Others may view the presentation via closed circuit television in the Humphrey Building Great Hall.</p>

76	<p>(Sent 9:24 a.m.) The Six Principles of CERC</p> <p>Be First: If the information is yours to provide by organizational authority-do so as soon as possible. If you can't-then explain how you are working to get it.</p>
75	<p>(Sent 8:08 a.m.) NICCL Call Reminder</p> <p>All, In view of the recent developments with the H1N1 flu outbreak we are moving the NICCL call to 9:45 am this morning. 1 800 320 4330 Code 992008#</p>

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73	<p>(Sent 7:22 p.m.) State communicators, Please find an attached Department of State updated travel alert for Mexico This update provides information on closings of schools and commercial venues in Mexico and U.S. consular operations throughout Mexico. Sent by: ResideJM@State.gov</p>
72	<p>(Sent 7:19 p.m.) Federal communicators, Please find an attached Department of State updated travel alert for Mexico This update provides information on closings of schools and commercial venues in Mexico and U.S. consular operations throughout Mexico. Sent by: ResideJM@State.gov</p>
71	<p>(Sent 7:09) State communicators, Please find the attached ESF 15 Communications Summary and Information Update for the H1N1 flu outbreak.</p>
70	<p>(Sent 7:04) Federal communicators, Please find the attached ESF 15 Communications Summary and Information Update for the H1N1 flu outbreak.</p>
69	<p>(6:42 p.m.) Oklahomans Urged to Be on Watch for Swine Flu</p> <p>The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) is urging Oklahomans to be on alert for an unusual strain of swine influenza that has been confirmed in numerous states and several countries. While as yet no cases have been confirmed in Oklahoma, neighboring states of Kansas and Texas have both reported cases and Oklahoma's health officials believe increased surveillance will likely lead to confirmed cases in the state.</p>
68	<p>(Sent 6:41p.m.) Kentucky The Dept. for Public Health Commissioner William Hacker did several media appearances about swine flu</p>
67	<p>(Sent 6:36 p.m.) Private Sector Communications National JIC update</p>
66	<p>(Sent 4:48 p.m.) Office Of The Governor Blog: Swine Flu Update</p> <p>Dr. Mark Horton, Director <i>CA Department of Public Health</i></p>

	<p>Well, an update is that we are still reporting 11 confirmed cases of swine flu here in California. There are an increased number of cases nationally; Centers for Disease Control is now reporting 64 cases nationally. Most of those new cases are in Texas and New York.</p> <p>We are obviously continuing our efforts here to be prepared. The Governor made mention this morning about the fact that we have already had delivered to us portions of the federal stockpile of TAMIFLU and we have already delivered those to counties that have already had some cases of flu in them. We are continuing our efforts at aggressive surveillance. We have engaged the health care community to help us with that. We have sent epidemiologists to enhance capacities locally to be able to monitor the situation. So we think we're really on top of this.</p> <p>We want to reiterate the importance to individuals of personal hygiene, hand washing, or course covering their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, and stay home if you're sick. So those are important things we want to continue to reiterate with the public.</p>
65	<p>(Sent 4:10 p.m.) NICCL Advisory: HHS Requested Terminology Update</p> <p>We have become very concerned that the term "passive surveillance" when referring to entry screening suggests a laid-back approach, when in fact we are quite proactive in our approach. HHS and CDC will stop using that term in public documents, briefing materials etc, and will talk about what we are doing as "watching out for illness." Key points that come under this rubric:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * At ports of entry, CBP and Quarantine Station staff have worked for the past several years to establish close collaborative relationships; * CBP staff are trained by Q-Station staff on what to look for; CBP staff regularly request additional evaluation by Q-station staff; * CBP staff are on heightened alert regarding the swine flu situation. <p>I would ask that all USG communications no longer use the term "passive surveillance" for entrance screening. All communication from here forward should use the term "watching out for illness" when referring to our current recommendation for entrance screening.</p>
64	<p>(Sent 3:52 p.m.) NICCL Call Summary: April 28 - H1N1 Flu Outbreak</p> <p>A NICCL call was conducted April 28, 2009 at 11:00 am EST to discuss the federal coordination and response to H1N1 flu outbreak. Participants included White House communications, DHS OPA, USDA, HHS, Dept of Education, HUD, HHS and CDC, Dept of Treasury, Dept of Veterans Affairs, EPA, FCC, Dept of State, NORTHCOM and JTF NCR, American Red Cross, NGB, OPM, CBP, ICE, USCIS, TSA, USPS, IRS, DEA, USMS, the Mexican Embassy, the United Kingdom, and Public Safety Canada and numerous DHS components and headquarters offices.</p>
63	<p>(Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care) Four Confirmed Cases Of Swine Flu In Ontario</p> <p>Dr. David Williams, Ontario's Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, says there are four confirmed cases of swine flu in Ontario. All cases involved travel to Mexico. Laboratory testing has confirmed that the swine flu virus is the same as the one in Mexico and the United States. Three of the cases are in Durham Region and one is in York Region. All four cases are considered mild and the individuals are recovering at home.</p> <p>http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/media/news_releases/archives/nr_09/apr/nr_20090428.p df</p>

62	(Sent 3:30 p.m.) New York State Health Briefing Health Commissioner Richard F. Daines, M.D. and State Education Commissioner Richard Mills holds media availability (Red Room, State Capitol, Albany)
61	(Sent 3:23 p.m.) Michigan Identifies Second Probable Case of Swine Flu <i>State creates new website for swine flu information, updates</i> LANSING – The State of Michigan today announced that a second probable case of swine flu has been reported in Ottawa County. State laboratory results showed that a 34-year-old Ottawa County woman has a probable case of the swine influenza A (H1N1) virus. The state laboratory results will be sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) today to determine if the case is positive. The first probable case was reported yesterday in Livingston County and is still under review with the CDC.
60	(Sent 3:00 p.m.) SICCL Call
59	(Sent 2:49 p.m.) NICCL Advisory: Update to Terminology Per HSC guidance, the use of the term “Swine Flu” should be discontinued. The current influenza situation should be referred to as “H1N1 Flu Outbreak.”
58	(Sent 1:00 p.m.) Delaware Media Telephone Briefing Delaware's Division of Public Health will conduct its first daily telephone briefing at 1 p.m. today to update journalists on the status of swine flu preparedness and response. Members of the media can access the briefing by dialing the following phone number that corresponds to the county where they are located. Once connected, please provide the pass code 245159.
57	(Sent 11:00 a.m.) NICCL Call

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56	FDA Authorizes Emergency Use of Influenza Medicines, Diagnostic Test in Response to Swine Flu Outbreak in Humans The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, in response to requests from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has issued Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs) to make available to public health and medical personnel important diagnostic and therapeutic tools to identify and respond to the swine flu virus under certain circumstances. The agency issued these EUAs for the use of certain Relenza and Tamiflu antiviral products, and for the rRT-PCR Swine Flu Panel diagnostic test. The EUA authority allows the FDA, based on the evaluation of available data, to authorize the use of unapproved or uncleared medical products or unapproved or uncleared uses of approved or cleared medical products following a determination and declaration of emergency, provided certain criteria are met. The authorization will end when the declaration of emergency is terminated or the authorization revoked by the agency. http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2009/NEW02002.html
55	Update By Secretary Of Agriculture Vilsack Regarding USDA Outreach Efforts Regarding Swine Influenza A (H1N1)

	<p>"As promised, I wanted to keep you up to date on our outreach efforts.</p> <p>First, let me say again to consumers, there is no evidence at this time that U.S. swine have been infected with this virus.</p> <p>Second, I want to reiterate the same message to our trading partners - our pork and pork products are safe. The discovery of this virus in humans is not a basis for restricting imports of commercially produced U.S. pork and pork products. Any trade restrictions would be inconsistent with World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) guidelines. USDA is working closely with the U.S. Trade Representative's office on these issues.</p> <p>http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/ s.7 0 A/7 0 1OB/cmd/ad/.ar/sa.retrievecontent/c/6 2 1UH /ce/7 2 5JM/p/5 2 4TQ/d/1/ th/J 2 9D/ s.7 0 A/7 0 1OB?PC 7 2 5JM_contentid=2009%2F04%2F0132.xml&PC 7 2 5JM_parentnav=LATEST_RELEASES&PC 7 2 5JM_navid=NEWS_RELEASE#7 2 5JM</p>
54	<p>(Sent 9:19 p.m.) United States Embassy Mexico</p> <p>Update on Flu Outbreak in Mexico – Center for Disease Control Issues Travel Notice for Mexico; All Schools Closed and Nonessential Consular and Visa Services in Mexico Suspended until May 6</p> <p>The U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommended on April 27, 2009 that U.S. citizens defer all nonessential travel to Mexico because of the outbreak of H1N1 “swine” influenza. The CDC Travel Notice which advises U.S. citizens of the health risks that may be involved with travel to Mexico and provides a list of precautions travelers and U.S. citizen residents in Mexico can take to reduce their risk of infection, can be found at the CDC website at http://www.cdc.gov/travel/contentSwineFluMexico.aspx. The U.S. State Department has issued a travel alert that can be found at http://travel.state.gov.</p>
53	<p>(Sent 9:22 p.m.) Scottish Press Notice – Confirmation of Flu Cases</p> <p>Swine flu outbreak</p> <p>Two suspected cases of swine flu in Scotland have been confirmed as positive and both individuals are now recovering at Monklands Hospital in Lanarkshire.</p> <p>In addition, a further seven people from the contact group of the infected people are displaying mild symptoms and are undergoing tests.</p>
52	<p>(Sent 7:25 p.m.) Guam has been holding daily briefings since yesterday (April 27th) for department and agency heads, military counterparts and ESF Coordinators at 1PM (ChST) followed by a media brief by the Director of the Guam Department of Public Health at 3PM (ChST).</p> <p>Both these events will occur daily at the Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense's Emergency Operations Center.</p>
51	<p>(Sent 7:07 p.m.) Private Sector Communicators,</p> <p>Please find the Emergency Support Function 15 communications summary for today’s swine flu outbreak, updated talking points from CDC and Secretary Napolitano.</p>
50	<p>(Sent 7:01 p.m.) State Communicators,</p> <p>Please find the ESF 15 communications summary for today’s swine flu outbreak, updated talking points from CDC and Secretary Napolitano.</p> <p>Tomorrow’s SICCL call will be at 2:30pm EST.</p>
49	<p>(Sent 6:58 p.m.) Federal communicators,</p> <p>Please find the ESF 15 communications summary for today’s swine flu outbreak, updated talking points from CDC and Secretary Napolitano.</p> <p>Tomorrow’s NICCL call will be at 11am EST.</p> <p>Updated Lead Federal Responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lead Federal strategic communications direction - White House Communications

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lead Federal Communications Coordination - DHS Public Affairs ▪ Lead Federal Public Health - HHS/CDC ▪ Lead Food Safety and Animal Health - USDA ▪ Lead International (Consular Affairs) - DOS
48	<p>(Sent 5:26 p.m.) Private Sector communicators, Please find information from the Department of Homeland Security National JIC regarding swine flu communications. National JIC</p> <p>NICCL Summary UPDATE – April 27, 2009</p> <p>A NICCL call was conducted April 27, 2009 at 11:00 am EST to discuss the federal coordination and response to MX/Swine Flu outbreak.</p>
47	<p>(Sent 4:50 p.m.) Pennsylvania Working Closely with Fed Partners to Contain Impact Of Swine Flu <i>Federal Health and Human Services Department declares a Public Health Emergency</i></p> <p>HARRISBURG – The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is working with federal officials to contain the impact of an outbreak of swine flu in Mexico that resulted in the declaration of a national public health emergency in the United States. The Department of Health is working to educate the public and health care providers of recommended steps to prepare for potential cases of swine influenza in Pennsylvania. “At this point we do not have any confirmed cases of swine influenza in Pennsylvania, but we remain in constant communication with health officials at all levels,” said Health Secretary Everette James.</p>
46	<p>(Sent 4:30 p.m.) State Epidemiologist Dr. Ruth Lynfield to hold media availability on Minnesota’s response to swine flu at 3:30 today (central time)</p> <p>Minnesota Commissioner of Agriculture Gene Hugoson will also be available to address the safety of pork products</p> <p>Dr. Ruth Lynfield, state epidemiologist for the Minnesota Department of Health, will be available at 3:30 today to answer questions about Minnesota’s preparations for, and response to, the current swine flu situation. At this point, there are no confirmed cases of swine flu in Minnesota.</p>
45	<p>(Sent 3:49 p.m.) Oklahomans Urged to Be on Watch for Swine Flu</p> <p>The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) is urging Oklahomans to be on alert for an unusual strain of swine influenza that has been confirmed in numerous states and several countries. While as yet no cases have been confirmed in Oklahoma, neighboring states of Kansas and Texas have both reported cases and Oklahoma’s health officials believe increased surveillance will likely lead to confirmed cases in the state.</p>
44	<p>(Sent 3:46 p.m.) Governor Jim Gibbons of Nevada is holding a news conference RE: Preps for Swine Flu in Nevada Daniel Burns Communications Director-Nevada Governor Jim Gibbons Chairman-Nevada Joint Information Center (JIC)</p>
43	<p>(Sent 3:38 p.m.) SICC Advisory State communicators, Please find the NICCL call summary notes, an ESF 15 Information Update (scroll), and updated talking points from CDC and DHS. Please continue to send your <u>completed press releases</u> to the national.jic@dhs.gov and <u>notices about upcoming press conferences</u> to Moira.whelan@dhs.gov and maya.whelan@dhs.gov If you have any questions please call. Please note that the CDC swine flu widget with code is available from http://www.hhs.gov/web/library/index.html (scroll to the bottom of the page)</p>
42	<p>(Sent 3:31 p.m.)GOVERNOR CULVER: THIS IS A TIME FOR PREVENTION AND FOR CAUTION Governor, State Health and Homeland Security Officials provide update on Swine Flu prevention efforts</p>

	DES MOINES – Governor Chet Culver and Lt. Governor Patty Judge joined with state health and agriculture officials to provide an update on steps the state is taking to prevent an outbreak of swine flu.
41	(Sent 3:21 p.m.) The CDC swine flu widget with code is available from http://www.hhs.gov/web/library/index.html (scroll to the bottom of the page)
40	(Sent 3:00 p.m.) North Dakota Department of Health schedules media conference call to discuss swine influenza BISMARCK, N.D. – To answer media questions about swine influenza and North Dakota’s response, the North Dakota Department of Health will hold a telephone media availability conference call Monday, April 27, 2009, at 3 p.m. The following state health department officials will participate in the 3 p.m. conference call: Dr. Terry Dwelle, state health officer Tim Wiedrich, section chief, Emergency Preparedness and Response Section Kirby Kruger, state epidemiologist
39	(Sent 2:34 p.m.) Virginia Office of the Governor Governor Kaine Announces Precautions to Prepare Virginia to Respond to Swine Flu Outbreak RICHMOND—Governor Timothy M. Kaine announced today that, though there are no confirmed cases in Virginia, the Commonwealth is preparing for any outbreak of swine flu by increasing its communication with healthcare providers, and is preparing to receive additional antiviral medication from the Centers for Disease Control. The state’s Health Commissioner, Dr. Karen Remley, is declaring a public health emergency which will give her more tools to coordinate any necessary response, including access to the state’s database for all licensed health care providers so that information can be more effectively and widely communicated. The state is also extending and enhancing its seasonal flu tracking program to ensure that any confirmed cases are promptly reported and tracked. http://www.governor.virginia.gov/
x	(2:30 p.m.) SICCL Call
38	(Sent 2:18 p.m.) NICCL Call Summary Please find a copy of the NICC call summary, updated CDC talking points, updated DHS talking points, an OPM memorandum sent to Federal D/As and the draft ESF 15 Information Update (scroll) that was discussed on the NICCL call this morning.
37	(Sent Approx. Noon) Michigan Department of Community Health Probable Swine Flu Case Reported in Michigan Livingston County Department of Public Health (LCDPH) will hold a press conference today at 11:30 AM at LCDPH, 2300 East Grand River, Howell, Michigan. The following information is provided as background information. LANSING - The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) announced today that one probable swine flu case has been reported in Livingston County. State laboratory results showed that a 34-year-old woman of Livingston County has a probable case of the swine influenza A (H1N1) virus. http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132--213586--00.html
36	(Sent 11:50am) Governor of Missouri Gov. Nixon Press Release Gov. Nixon directs public health officials to prepare state for possible bout with new strain of swine flu JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Gov. Jay Nixon announced today that Missouri health officials are taking significant steps to deal with a new strain of swine flu that has prompted federal officials to declare a nationwide health emergency. The Governor said that while no case of swine flu had been confirmed in Missouri, state health officials and the medical community have been on high alert since Friday because of the contagious nature of the new flu virus. The Department of Health and Senior Services, headed by Director

	Margaret Donnelly, is the lead agency in coordinating the state's preparation for possible influenza cases.
35	<p>(Sent 11:16am) Oklahoma State Department of Health Media Advisory News Conferences on Swine Flu Outbreak Scheduled in Oklahoma City and Tulsa Today</p> <p>What: The Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Tulsa Health Department will each host news conferences this afternoon at their respective offices to update news media on status of swine flu outbreak in Oklahoma. When: Today -- Monday, April 27, 2009, 1:30 pm www.health.ok.gov</p>
x	(11:00 am) NICCL Call
34	<p>(Sent 10:33am) CDC Press Release Information for airline passengers exposed to swine flue. This information is current as of today, April 27,2009 at 10:33</p>
33	<p>(Sent 10:28am) CDC Press Release Risk of Swine Flu Associated with Travel to Affected Areas This information is current as of today, April 27,2009 at 10:28 Public health officials within the United States and throughout the world are investigating outbreaks of swine influenza (swine flu). www.cdc.gov/travel</p>
32	<p>(Sent 10:03 a.m.) Wisconsin Office of the Governor Governor Doyle Statement on Swine Influenza</p> <p>MADISON – Governor Doyle today gave the following statement regarding swine influenza, which has been reported in several states and in Mexico. "It is important that everyone remain calm, use common sense and simple good health practices like washing your hands. If you have flu-like symptoms, stay at home and contact your physician," Governor Doyle said. "We are in regular contact with health officials across our state and nation, and new information will be provided as it becomes available." http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/journal_media_detail.asp?locid=19&prid=4160</p>
31	<p>(Sent 9:27am) USPS Press Release Personal hygiene is key to reducing risk of illness</p> <p>You've heard the news that U.S. health officials are investigating a number of cases of swine flu in several areas of the United States, and a Public Health Emergency has been declared by the Federal Government. All of these U.S. cases have been mild — all of the patients have recovered.</p>
30	<p>(Sent 8:13am) This is a reminder that there will be a NICCL call this morning at 11 am regarding the Mx/swine flu outbreak. It is imperative that all Departments have a communications representative on this daily call. We plan to limit the call to just 30 minutes. Please coordinate directly with the National JIC offline if a specific issue does not warrant discussion on the call. Info: 1-800-320-4330 Code 992008# National JIC 202-282-8903 / 8900</p>

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29	<p>(Sent 10:13pm from Bill Hall) Canada Update The Public Health Agency of Canada’s National Microbiology Laboratory has worked with the province of Nova Scotia and the province of British Columbia to confirm that four individuals from Nova Scotia and two individuals from British Columbia have tested positive for the same H1N1 strain of human swine influenza found in the U.S. and Mexico.</p>
28	<p>(Sent 7:01pm) Office of Texas Governor Press Release Gov. Perry Requests Additional Antiviral Medicines From CDC as Precautionary Measure to Address Swine Flu in Texas All Schools in Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD Closed</p> <p>AUSTIN – As a precautionary measure, Gov. Rick Perry today increased his request of antiviral medication to 25 percent (850,000 courses) of the Texas allotment from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Strategic National Stockpile to be prepositioned in the state.</p>
27	<p>(Sent 6:32pm) PICCL Advisory Private sector communications, Please find updated information from the Federal government regarding the ongoing swine flu outbreak.</p>
26	<p>(Sent 5:59pm) SICCL Advisory State communicators, Please find summary notes from today's NICCL call regarding swine flu, White House transcripts and updated CDC talking points.</p>
25	<p>(Sent 5:51pm) Gov. Perry Requests Additional Antiviral Medicines From CDC as Precautionary Measure to Address Swine Flu in Texas <i>All Schools in Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD Closed</i></p> <p>AUSTIN – As a precautionary measure, Gov. Rick Perry today increased his request of antiviral medication to 25 percent (850,000 courses) of the Texas allotment from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Strategic National Stockpile to be prepositioned in the state. This request will augment the more than 840,000 courses of antiviral medication on hand in Texas following a purchase authorized by the 80th Legislature and Gov. Perry in 2007....For additional information on the swine flu, please visit: www.dshs.state.tx.us/swineflu</p>
24	<p>(Sent 5:47pm) NICCL Call Summary Please find today's NICCL call summary, the transcript from today's White House press briefing and updated CDC talking points. Note the schedule for tomorrow:</p> <p>NICCL Call - 11am ET CDC press briefing is TBD SICCL Call - 2:30pm ET</p>
23	<p>(Sent 5:30pm) State of New York Governor Paterson’s Office Press Release Governor David A. Paterson is in New York City.</p> <p>5:30 PM Holds Press Conference on Swine Flu Executive Chamber Press Room, 38th Floor www.ny.gov/governor/press</p>
22	<p>(Sent 4:56pm) Statement by LAWA Attn: Media Outlets From: NCastles@lawa.org The following statement was issued by Los Angeles World Airports officials regarding precautions being taken at Los Angeles International Airport and LA/Ontario International Airport. The LAWA airports are NOT providing on-air/on-camera interviews as the lead agencies on this matter are the federal, state and local public health organizations.</p> <p>Statement follows: “Los Angeles World Airports officials stated today that reasonable precautions are being taken at</p>

	Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) as more cases of swine flu in the United States were confirmed by federal health officials over the weekend. Airport custodians, who normally clean and sanitize restrooms twice an hour in LAX's five terminals where incoming international flights are processed, are paying additional attention to sanitizing door knobs, handrails and faucets on a regular basis..."
21	(4:00pm) SICCL Call
20	(2:15pm) NICCL Call
19	(12:30pm) White House Press Release Press Briefing On Swine Influenza By Secretary Napolitano, Department Of Homeland Security, John Brennan, Assistant To The President For Homeland Security And Counterterrorism, Dr. Richard Besser, Acting Director, Centers For Disease Control And Prevention, And Robert Gibbs, Press Secretary
18	(Sent 12:10pm) NICCL Advisory Please see media advisories for today including a press briefing at the White House in a few moments and a CDC briefing later this afternoon. Also, as a reminder there will be a NICCL call at 2:15 EDT.
17	(Sent Apprx. Noon) Public Health Agency of Canada Government of Canada is Working Closely with Provinces and Territories and International Partners to Address Swine Flu OTTAWA – Minister of Health Leona Aglukkaq and Chief Public Health Officer Dr. David Butler-Jones today assured Canadians that the federal government is working closely with the provinces and territories and international partners to protect the health and safety of Canadians, following confirmation of the first cases of human swine influenza in Canada. http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/media/nr-rp/index-eng.php
16	(Sent Apprx. Noon) Texas Department of State Health Services News Release All Schools in Schertz District to Close The Texas Department of State Health Services today announced that all 14 schools and two district facilities in the Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City Independent School District will be closed effective immediately after several more flu-like illnesses have been discovered in the department's ongoing swine flu investigation.
15	(Sent Apprx. Noon) Office of the Governor Rick Perry Press Release AUSTIN – As a precautionary measure, Gov. Rick Perry today increased his request of antiviral medication to 25 percent (850,000 courses) of the Texas allotment from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Strategic National Stockpile to be prepositioned in the state. This request will augment the more than 840,000 courses of antiviral medication on hand in Texas following a purchase authorized by the 80th Legislature and Gov. Perry in 2007. http://governor.state.tx.us/news/press-release/12292/
14	(Sent Apprx. 12:00pm) Ohio Department of Health Press Release OHIOAN TESTS POSITIVE FOR SWINE FLU COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) today confirmed a case of swine flu involving a 9-year-old boy from Lorain County. The patient is considered to have a mild case of the disease and is recovering at home. http://www.odh.ohio.gov
13	(11:30am) NYC Department of Health Press Release Testing Confirms Swine Influenza at St. Francis Preparatory School in Queens No citywide increase in illness and no other cases or clusters identified in NYC so far. April 26, 2009 – Tests conducted at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have confirmed cases of human swine flu among students at St. Francis Preparatory School in Queens. The school is suspending classes on Monday.

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12	<p>(Sent 7:49pm) SICCL Advisory Please join DHS OPA and HHS/CDC for a SICCL call tomorrow at 3:15pm EST regarding Mx/Swine Flu. Call information 1-800-320-4330 Code 659521# Please find notes from today's NICCL call</p>
11	<p>(Sent 2:30pm) NYC Department of Health Press Release</p> <p>Health Department Testing Finds Probable Cases of Swine Influenza in Students at a Non-Public School in Queens Department calls for increased vigilance for possible spread of swine influenza virus April 25, 2009 – The Health Department is investigating a cluster of respiratory illness in a non-public school in New York City and has determined that at least 8 students have probable human swine influenza.</p>
10	<p>(Sent Apprx. Noon) Public Health Agency of Canada Travel Health Notice The Public Health Agency of Canada is tracking a number of cases of swine influenza A (H1N1) (swine flu) identified in the states of California and Texas. None of the cases involves direct contact with pigs which is usually how the virus is spread to humans. http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/tmp-pmv/2009/swine_flu_cal-tex-090425-eng.php</p>
9	<p>(Sent Apprx. Noon) Kansas Department of Health and Environment Press Release</p> <p>KDHE Reports 2 Cases of Swine Flu in Kansas</p> <p>The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) announced today that two cases of swine flu have been confirmed in Kansas involving two adults residing in the same household in Dickinson County. Neither of the patients was hospitalized - one is still ill and being treated, and one is recovering. http://www.kdheks.gov/news/index.html</p>
8	<p>(Sent Apprx. Noon) US Embassy in Mexico Press Release Embassy Takes Precautionary Measures Mexico City, April 25, 2009 – Mexico and the United States are cooperating closely together as Mexico works to contain the current outbreak of H1N1 influenza. At the invitation of the Mexican government, a team of experts from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta has arrived in Mexico to work with their counterparts to identify and limit the outbreak of H1N1 influenza.</p>
7	<p>(Sent Apprx. Noon) US Embassy in Mexico Press Release WARDEN MESSAGE UPDATE ON FLU OUTBREAK IN MEXICO The U.S. Embassy in Mexico Suspends all Visa and Non-Emergency American Citizen Services for the Week of April 27 – 30, 2009 http://mexico.usembassy.gov/eng/eacs_medical_info.html</p>
6	<p>(Sent Apprx. Noon) Office of the Governor Rick Perry Press Release AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry today in a precautionary measure requested the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provide 37,430 courses of antiviral medications from the Strategic National Stockpile to Texas to prevent the spread of swine flu. Currently, three cases of swine flu have been confirmed in Texas. http://governor.state.tx.us/news/press-release/12290/</p>

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5	<p>(Sent 7:25pm) SICCL Advisory To All State PIO's,</p>
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	For your information and situational awareness, DHS held a NICCL call with the federal interagency, California, Texas, Canada, and Mexican Embassy regarding the swine influenza outbreak. CDC recommends directing the public and media to the CDC website where they are providing ongoing updates on the situation. Also, attached are CDC's talking points used by Acting Director Rich Besser during a press briefing earlier today. Below are DHS Secretary talking points.
4	(Sent 7:15pm) NICCL Call Summary A NICCL call was conducted April 24, 2009 at 4:30 pm EST to discuss the federal coordination and response to MX/Swine Flu outbreak.
3	(Sent 5:19pm) Gov. Schwarzenegger Directs State Swine Flu Response Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today outlined the rigorous and thorough response under way in California, in coordination with federal and international health experts, as a result of confirmed cases of Swine Flu. Over the past several days, California has taken several steps in response to the swine flu detections, including...
2	(4:30pm) NICCL Call
1	(Sent Apprx. Noon) Public Health Agency of Canada Canadian Action On Human Swine Influenza OTTAWA – Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq today re-assured Canadians that she and the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) are working collaboratively with American and Mexican officials to investigate the cases of human swine influenza that have been identified in Mexico and the United States. http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/media/nr-rp/2009/2009_0424_swine-eng.php