

State of Montana DPHHS HAN UPDATE

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DPHHS Contact Information:

DPHHS recommends you forward this HAN message on to your local HAN contacts.

DPHHS Recommendations: Read the enclosed attachment and the INFO Service Message from CDC

DPHHS Health Alert Hotline 1-800-701-5769

Visit the DPHHS Health Alert Network Website at www.han.mt.gov

The goal of Montana's Health Alert Network is to transmit information to local public health authorities as quickly as possible, and assign a suitable priority to the message that is sensitive to the impact of a health-related event providing information relative to the public health and safety of Montanans. For questions or comments relative to Montana's HAN system you may contact the DPHHS HAN Coordinator, Gerry Wheat at <<mailto:gwheat@mt.gov>>

Categories of Health Alert messages:

Health Alert: conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.

Health Advisory: provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.

Health Update: provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

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NEW and UPDATED Interim CDC Guidance and Information on Novel H1N1 Flu

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continues its response to the novel H1N1 Flu outbreak. As of May 11, 2,600 human infections with novel H1N1 flu have been confirmed in 43 states and the District of Columbia. There have been three confirmed deaths in the U.S. associated with the novel H1N1 virus to date. CDC anticipates that there will be more cases, more hospitalizations and more deaths associated with this new virus in the coming days and weeks because the population has little to no immunity against it.

CDC's goals continue to be to reduce transmission and illness severity and provide information to assist health care providers, public health officials and the public. To this end, CDC continues to develop and update interim guidance

documents.

New Postings:

Interim CDC Guidance for Public Gatherings in Response to Human Infections with Novel Influenza A (H1N1)

This document provides *interim* guidance for state, local, territorial, and tribal officials to use in developing recommendations for large public gatherings in their communities, such as graduation ceremonies.

FluView Surveillance Report: 2008-2009 Influenza Season, Week 17 ending May 2, 2009

This is a weekly surveillance report covering week 17 of 2009 (week ending May 2, 2009).

[Interim CDC Guidance for Institutions of Higher Education and Post-secondary Educational Institutions in Response to Human Infections with Novel Influenza A \(H1N1\) Virus](#)

This document provides *interim* guidance specific for institutions of higher education during the outbreak of novel influenza A (H1N1) virus on suggested means to reduce the spread of influenza in their communities.

[New Audio Public Service Announcement \(PSA\) for Kids](#)

This is downloadable audio and text of a 30-second public service announcement about behaviors that can limit the spread of illness.

[Audio and Transcript for CDC Press Briefing](#)

This link provides access to transcripts of the most recent CDC press briefings regarding novel H1N1 Flu.

[Interim Guidance for Clinicians on the Prevention and Treatment of Novel Influenza A \(H1N1\) Influenza Virus Infection in Infants and Young Children](#)

This document provides *interim* guidance for clinicians who are caring for young children with novel influenza A (H1N1) virus infection.

[Interim Additional Guidance for Infection Control for Care of Patients with Confirmed, Probable, or Suspected Novel Influenza A \(H1N1\) Virus Infection in Outpatient Hemodialysis Settings](#)

This information is provided to clarify novel influenza A (H1N1) virus infection control recommendations that are specific to outpatient hemodialysis centers. This information complements, but does not replace the general infection control recommendations for novel influenza A (H1N1) at [Interim Guidance for Infection Control for Care of Patients with Confirmed or Suspected Swine Influenza A \(H1N1\) Virus Infection in a Healthcare Setting](#).

Additional documents for health care providers, public health officials and the public are available on www.cdc.gov. Information for the public is posted daily in both English and Spanish. Also, CDC's toll-free hotline, 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) TTY: (888) 232-6348, is available 24 hours a day, every day.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protects people's health and safety by preventing and controlling diseases and injuries; enhances health decisions by providing credible information on critical health issues; and promotes healthy living through strong partnerships with local, national and international organizations.

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##This Message was distributed to State and Local Health Officers, Public Information Officers, Laboratory Directors, Weapons of Mass Destruction Coordinators, Epidemiologists and HAN Coordinators as well as Association and Clinician organizations##

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The HAN Info Service is utilized by the CDC's Health Alert Network to distribute general correspondence from CDC which is not necessarily considered to be of an emergent nature.
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May 11, 2009

CDC Confirms Montana's First H1N1 (Swine) Influenza Case

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed Montana's first H1N1 (swine) influenza case today.

The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) and RiverStone Health, Yellowstone County's local public health organization, announced this case as probable on Friday, May 8, 2009. The case involves a Yellowstone County adult male. The patient was not hospitalized.

There are no other confirmed cases at this time.

DPHHS state medical officer Dr. Steven Helgerson said more H1N1 (swine) influenza cases are likely in Montana.

The symptoms of the H1N1 (swine) influenza are similar to those of seasonal regular influenza: high fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose and body aches. Treatment of the H1N1 (swine) influenza is the same as influenza: stay in bed, rest and drink plenty of fluids.

"If you are concerned about your symptoms, contact your primary care doctor," Dr. Helgerson said. "Every person can protect themselves from influenza and other illnesses by practicing good hygiene. Wash your hands thoroughly and try to limit contact with people who are sick. If you are sick, stay home."

For more information about H1N1 (swine) influenza visit the DPHHS website at www.dphhs.mt.gov/swineflu.

For more information call DPHHS public information officer Jon Ebelt at 406-444-0936 or Barbara Schneeman of RiverStone Health at 406-651-6420.