

State of Montana DPHHS HAN ADVISORY

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DPHHS recommends you do not forward this HAN message.

DPHHS Recommendations:

A DPHHS conference call for local and tribal health departments is scheduled for 3:30 pm on Tuesday, May 12.

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Participant code: XXXXXXXXXX

Attached are 2 recent CDC informational HANs.

DPHHS Health Alert Hotline 1-800-701-5769

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

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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 Documents on H1N1 Flu

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continues its response to the novel H1N1 Flu outbreak. As of May 7, 896 human infections with novel H1N1 flu have been confirmed in 41 states in the United States. As testing continues in many other states, more cases and more states are expected to be added. There have been two confirmed deaths in the US associated with the H1N1 virus to date.

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:

[UPDATED Interim Guidance on Antiviral Recommendations for Patients with Novel Influenza A \(H1N1\) Virus Infection and Their Close Contacts](#)

This document provides updated interim guidance on the use of antiviral agents for treatment and chemoprophylaxis of novel influenza (H1N1) virus infection, and information for clinicians in prioritizing use of antivirals for treatment or chemoprophylaxis of patients at higher risk for

influenza-related complications. *Additional revisions to these interim recommendations for antiviral treatment should be expected as the epidemiology and clinical presentations of novel influenza A (H1N1) virus infection are better understood.*

Recommendations include identification of groups at high risk for complications of novel influenza (H1N1) virus infection; definition of "close contact"; antiviral treatment and chemoprophylaxis recommendations (including dosing recommendations and contraindications); special considerations for treatment of children; and recommendations for treatment and chemoprophylaxis of children younger than age 1 year (including dosing recommendations) and pregnant women.

What to Do If You Get Flu-Like Symptoms

This fact sheet is targeted to individuals having or suspecting an influenza-like illness (ILI). It discusses symptom recognition, contact avoidance, treatment options, and emergency warning signs.

Interim CDC Guidance for Colleges, Universities, and Post -secondary Educational Institutions in Response to Human Infections with Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus

These interim recommendations are based on current information and are subject to change based on ongoing surveillance and continuous risk assessment. This document provides interim guidance specific to universities during the outbreak of novel influenza A (H1N1) virus on suggested means to reduce the spread of influenza in universities and their communities.

CDC is not recommending currently that colleges, universities, or post-secondary educational institutions cancel or dismiss classes or other large gatherings.

CDC is making the following recommendations: recommendations to consult with state/local public health if cases of H1N1 or ILI occur; recommendations for self-isolation of persons with ILI; recommendations on care-seeking by and care-taking of persons with ILI; recommendations for persons with ILI to avoid large gatherings; recommendations for universities and similar institutions to take in preparing for possible H1N1 outbreaks.

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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New and Updated CDC Guidance and Informational Resources Related to Novel H1N1 Flu

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continues its response to the novel H1N1 Flu outbreak. As of May 8, 1,639 human infections with novel H1N1 flu have been confirmed in 42 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. There have been two confirmed deaths in the United States associated with the H1N1 virus to date. CDC expects that this outbreak will continue to grow and that more cases, more hospitalizations and more deaths will occur over the coming days and weeks.

CDC's goals continue to be to reduce the spread and illness severity and provide information to assist health care providers, public health officials and the public address the challenges posed by this emergency. To this end, CDC continues to develop and update interim guidance documents and information for the public.

New Postings:

[H1N1 Flu Resources for Partners in Business](#)

This site lists CDC resources, including guidance documents, podcasts and other resources for

businesses to use in helping prevent the further spread of novel influenza A (H1N1) virus.

UPDATED - H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) and You

This is an updated fact sheet. It now includes CDC's recommendation against "swine flu parties."

Preparing Tribal Nations to Receive Strategic National Stockpile Assets

This brochure provides advice to American Indian / Alaska Native governments and communities on working with state and local partners and the Indian Health Service to plan how to request, receive and give out supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile during a public health emergency.

MMWR: Update: Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infections --- Worldwide, May 6, 2009

This joint report from the Mexican Ministry of Health, the Pan American Health Organization, the World Health Organization, the Public Health Agency of Canada, and CDC provides an update of the initial investigations and spread of novel influenza A (H1N1) virus worldwide.

Things You Can Do to Stay Away from the Flu

This CDC podcast discusses things children can do to help prevent infection with any infectious disease, including novel H1N1 flu.

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