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State Emergency Response Team
H1N1 Swine Flu
DAILY TALKING POINTS
As of May 11, 2009**

MESSAGE OF THE DAY – If you think you have the flu, please call your health care provider and discuss whether you need to be seen in their office, emergency department or stay home.

Current Situation

- All four Department of Health laboratories in the state have received testing supplies from the Centers for Disease Control and now can test samples to confirm H1N1 Swine Flu. This testing capability allows the Department to expedite results as we no longer need to send probable cases to CDC laboratories.
- Florida has 55 confirmed cases in the following counties: one in Osceola, Alachua, Indian River, Marion, Clay, Collier, Lake, Manatee, Seminole, Okeechobee, and Duval, two in Orange, Brevard and Sarasota, 3 in Pinellas, 7 in Lee, 8 in Hillsborough, and 10 in Dade and Broward each.
- New confirmed cases are: **Osceola:** 6 year-old male; **Brevard:** a 7 year-old female and a 7 year-old male; **Sarasota:** a 2 year-old male and a 10 year-old female; **Pinellas:** 19 year-old female and a 13 year-old male; **Hillsborough:** a 27 year-old male and an 11 year-old female; **Broward:** a 12 year-old female, a 9 year-old male, a 17 year-old female, a 3 year-old male, a 23 year-old male, and a 42 year-old male, **Dade:** a 23 year-old male; a 7 year-old male; a 16 year-old male, a 12 year-old female, a 16 year-old female, an 11 year-old female, and a 6 year-old (unknown sex); **Lee:** a 10 year-old male, a 7 year-old male, a 21 year-old female, an 18 year-old male, an 8 year-old female, a 7 year-old male, and a 60 year-old female; **Manatee:** a 2 year-old female; **Marion:** a 17 year-old female; **Lake:** a 29 year-old male .
- The state has 4 probable cases in the following counties: Flagler and Palm Beach has one probable, Okaloosa has 2 probable cases.

State Actions

On Friday, May 1st, 2009 Governor Charlie Crist directed State Surgeon General Dr. Ana Viamonte Ros to declare a public health emergency that will allow the State Surgeon General to take any action necessary to protect the public health (Florida Statutes, 381.00315).

- A toll free information line has been established for Swine Flu information, the number is **1- 800-775-8039**.
- The State Emergency Response Team (SERT) remains at a level 2 activation (partial). The team is monitoring the situation and is coordinating with the Swine Flu Incident Command team.
- Antiviral medication has been distributed statewide. Florida has over one half million individual courses.

Federal and International Actions

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported 2532 confirmed cases of H1N1 or Swine influenza in the United States with three deaths.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) alert level remains at Phase 5. The declaration of a Phase 5 is a strong signal that the pandemic is imminent and that the time to finalize the organization, communication, and implementation of the planned mitigation measures is short.

Public Actions – recommendations from the Florida Department of Health

- Wash hands frequently to lessen the spread of respiratory illness.
- People with respiratory illness should stay home from work or school to avoid spreading infections, including influenza, to others in the community.
- Avoid close contact with people who are coughing or otherwise appear ill.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- People experiencing cough, fever and fatigue, possibly along with diarrhea and vomiting, should contact their physician.

The Florida Department of Health has created a webpage with information at www.doh.state.fl.us, and the CDC has a web page at www.cdc.gov/swineflu

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