

STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES SITUATION REPORT

Incident Name/#: **09 APR A/H1N1 Influenza Outbreak/AK-DHSEM-09-Z-005**

Jurisdiction(s) Name: Statewide Influenza A(H1N1)/Flooding

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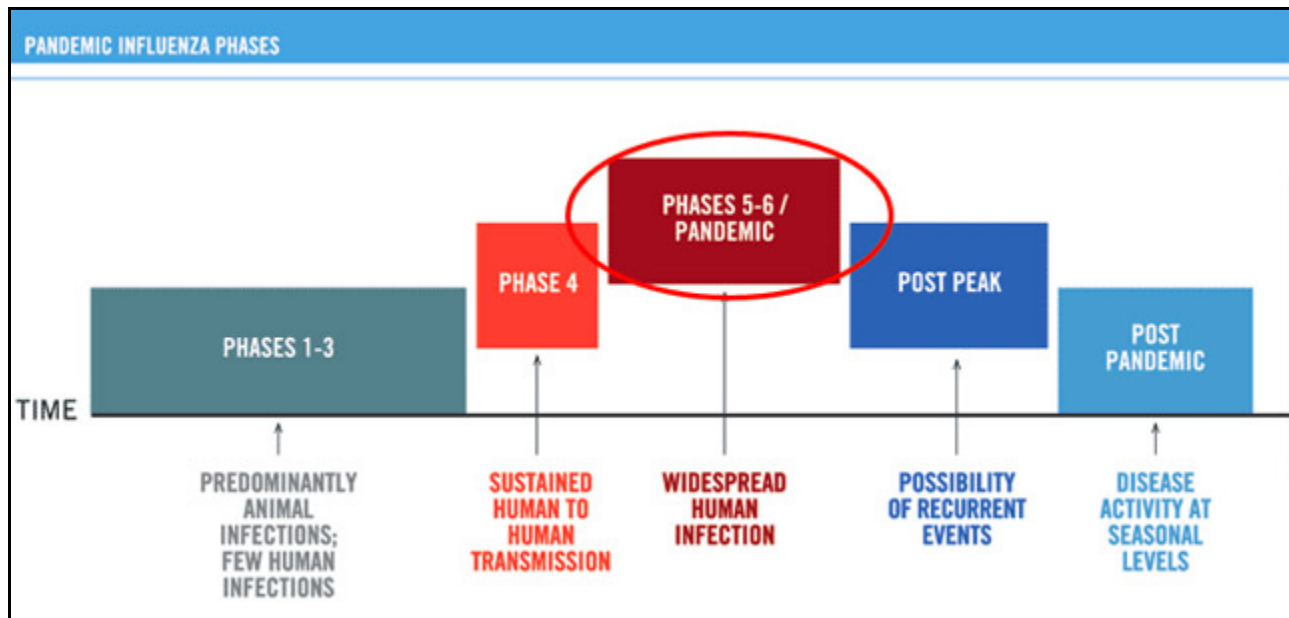
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Current phase of alert in the WHO global influenza preparedness plan

The current World Health Organization phase of pandemic alert is 5.



Phase 5 is characterized by human-to-human spread of the virus into at least two countries in one WHO region. While most countries will not be affected at this stage, the declaration of Phase 5 is a strong signal that a pandemic is imminent and that the time to finalize the organization, communication, and implementation of the planned mitigation measures is short.

Influenza A (H1N1) Case Status: United States and Alaska



| ALASKA | |
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| Laboratory Confirmed Cases | Deaths |
| 1 | 0 |

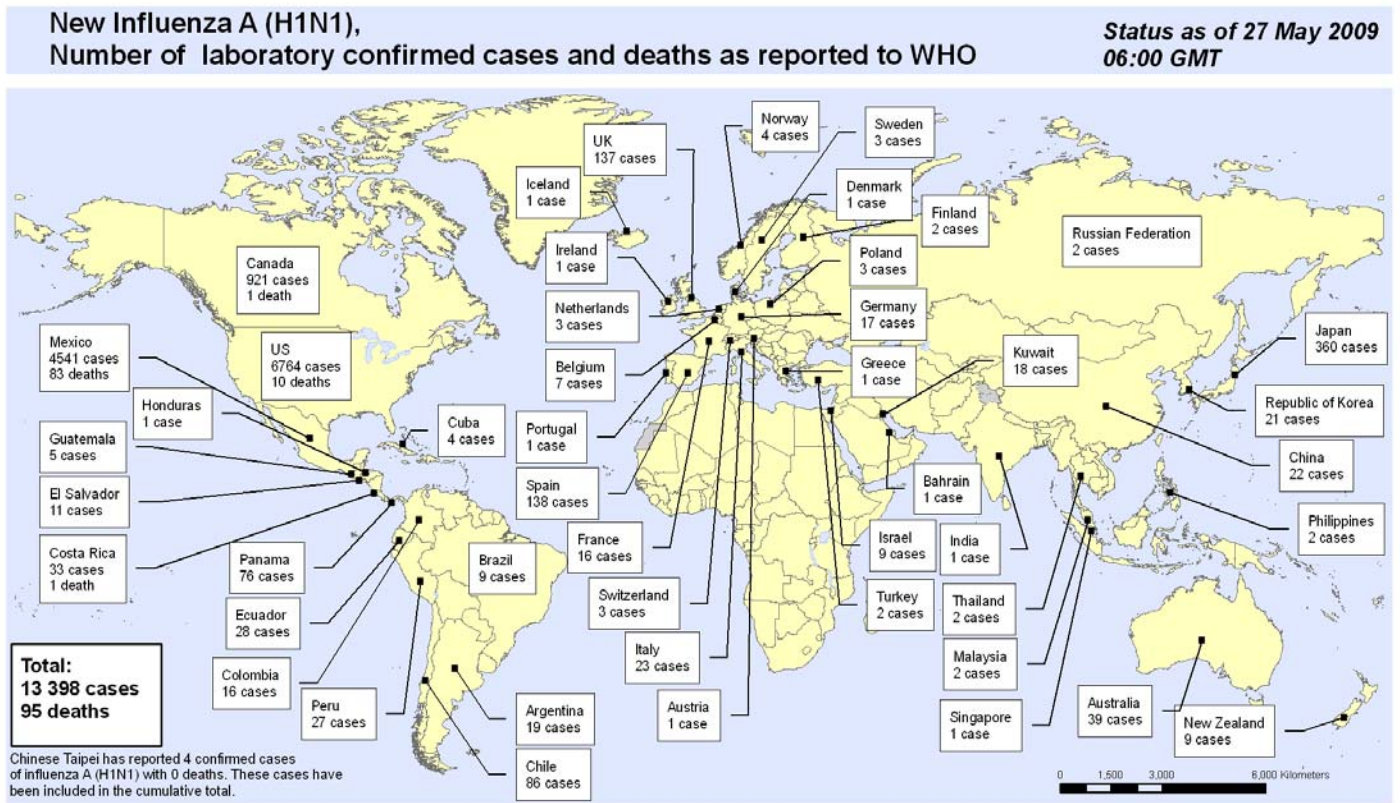
| UNITED STATES (updated Monday, Wednesday, Friday) | | |
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| States* | Laboratory Confirmed and Probable Cases | Deaths |
| 49 states | 7928 cases | 11 deaths |

*Includes the District of Columbia

Today's World Health Organization Influenza A(H1N1) Update, #40

27 May 2009 -- As of 06:00 GMT, 27 May 2009, 48 countries have officially reported 13,398 cases of influenza A(H1N1) infection, including 95 deaths.

The breakdown of the number of laboratory-confirmed cases by country is given in the following map.



The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the World Health Organization concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries. Dotted lines on maps represent approximate border lines for which there may not yet be full agreement.

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Alaska DHSS/ EOC Activities

Influenza A (H1N1) Activities

The DHSS EOC will close at 1600 today 29 May. DHSS Preparedness Staff will be available at their office phones to support ongoing Influenza A (H1N1) response efforts. The Section of Epidemiology continues to respond to the first confirmed case of A(H1N1) in Alaska. We have made contact with the patient, their medical provider, other medical providers, local, state, and federal agency partners. We will continue to conduct a weekly teleconference with medical providers to update them on response efforts in Alaska and nationwide.

Riverwatch Activities

DHSS is continuing support of the ongoing Riverwatch spring flooding disaster response with staff, pharmaceuticals, and medical logistics expertise.

Future Outlook/Planned Actions:

1. Monitor event information from federal sources.
2. Utilize current infectious disease outbreak protocols and dispensing plans.
3. Provide daily Situation Report to partners and pandemicflu.alaska.gov website.
4. Translate key public health information into Yupik and Inuit languages
5. Provide guidance documents to Emergency Medical Services and first responders.
6. Distribute Home Care guidelines to communities.
7. Provide health resource support to flood affected communities.
8. Collaborate with Division of Public Assistance, Office of Children's Services and other Department of Health and Social Services Divisions as needed.
9. Form working groups to continue progress on actionable items in the DHSS Incident Action Plan.

Those working groups will address:

- Creating a decision making matrix for community containment strategies implementation
- Continued planning for H1N1 vaccine and antiviral dispensing
- Continuing the H1N1 public information and education campaign

Travel Advisories

The World Health Organization is not recommending travel restrictions related to the outbreak of the influenza A(H1N1) virus.

Individuals who are ill should delay travel plans and returning travelers who fall ill should seek appropriate medical care. These recommendations are prudent measures which can limit the spread of many communicable diseases, including influenza.

From Alaska: See Travel Information at <http://www.pandemicflu.alaska.gov/>

What You Can Do to Stay Healthy

- **Stay informed.** This website will be updated regularly as information becomes available.
- Influenza is thought to **spread mainly person-to-person** through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- **Take everyday actions to stay healthy.**
 - 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 hands cleaners are also effective.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
 - Stay home if you get sick. CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- **Follow public health advice** regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures.
- **Develop a family emergency plan** as a precaution. This should include storing a supply of food, medicines, facemasks, alcohol-based hand rubs and other essential supplies.
- Call 1-800-CDC-INFO for more information.

Emergency Operations Contact Information

State EOC (SECC) Operations: Open at Activation Level 4 for A(H1N1) and flooding operations.

Hours of Operation: M-F 8am to 5 pm Phone: (907) 428-7100

Riverwatch Teleconference M-F at 1400 (2:00 p.m.) (1-800-315-6338, 7096#)

○ DHSS EOC will close as of 1600 Friday 29 May

Medical Providers Teleconference Weekly at 1500 (3:00 p.m.) on WEDNESDAY
Phone and code; (1-800-791-2345, 24614#)