

**Massachusetts Department of Public Health
Emergency Preparedness Bureau**

**May 6, 2009
1830 hrs**

**Situation Report:
Massachusetts Swine Flu Response**



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May 6, 2009 at 1830 hrs – Report # 11

- Massachusetts:** 45 confirmed cases as of May 6, 2009 at 1100 hrs
****Please see the end of this report for a detailed listing of confirmed cases**
- New England:** 54 confirmed cases as of May 6, 2009 at 1100 hrs
(45 in MA, 4 in CT, 2 in NH, 2 in RI, 1 in ME)
- National:** 642 confirmed cases in 41 states / 2 deaths per CDC daily update at 1100 hrs
CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>
Federal Government declared a public health emergency which allows states to access federal resources- April 26, 2009
- International:** WHO at <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>
WHO announced that it raised the level of the influenza pandemic alert from a phase 4 to a phase 5 on April 29, 2009.
****As of May 6, 2009, 06:00 GMT 22 countries have officially reported 1516 cases of influenza A (H1N1) infection.**

Massachusetts Swine Flu Incident Command Actions:

- Community Health Centers have received their allotment of SNS material today, except for Martha's Vineyard which is scheduled for tomorrow.
- Confirmatory tests of H1N1 influenza are now being performed at the Hinton State Laboratory Institute, with an expected turnaround time of 24-36 hours, depending on specimen load.
- DPH staff has continued to work with healthcare distributors regarding antiviral and PPE deliveries within the Commonwealth and held a conference call today, to discuss the issue further.
- Update of blog site on MDPH website – May 6, 2009 at 1100 hrs
- Mass211 received 242 calls yesterday, which is down from a peak of 521 calls last Friday. Some of the primary questions are:
 - People want to know about specific cases in their town. (Not possible, cases listed only by county.)
 - People want to know about what schools are closed in their area. (Local decision, direct to local school district)
 - General disease information, such as symptoms, and incubation period
- Conference calls conducted today:
 - ICS staff daily call led by Mary Clark
 - Conference call with distributors of PPE and antiviral supplies
- Website updates:
 - Under 'For School and Childcare Professionals' a memo was added for school and childcare administrators on school closures. The link entitled, "Update Swine Flu Advisory for Schools and Childcare Settings", along with the two translated versions were removed.

- Added the following documents: “Coping with Stress; Talking with your Kids” and a “Flu Symptom Checklist”
- Added new sub-heading to swine flu page called “Updated Case Count” and also posted a document detailing today’s updated count, which will be updated daily
- H1N1 (Swine Flu) Fact Sheet and Home Isolation documents translated into Swahili, French, and Amharic.
- John Jacob met with Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) and local water/sewer management on situational awareness.
- Epidemiologists are fielding over 200 calls per day from providers. A sampling includes:
 - Where can providers find Tamiflu?
 - How do I get testing supplies?
 - I have a clinically suspect case. Should I test?
 - I already collected the specimen. Can you pick it up?

Laboratory Testing:

- May 5, 2009 - 156 specimens received at the Hinton State Laboratory
- 823 total specimens have been received at the Hinton State Laboratory since the outbreak began.

Continuing Activity:

- Ongoing surveillance and response to health care reports of influenza-like illness
- Participating in daily conference calls with New England/Northeast Health Commissioners and with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Upcoming Activities

- Clinical group being formed to assist with guidance information
- Address protocols for Universities and Colleges
- Finalize Antiviral/Mask Distribution Plan for ambulatory care; and college health services

For further information go to:

- MDPH at <http://www.mass.gov/dph/swineflu>
- CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>
- WHO at <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>

Please feel free to circulate this to colleagues and throughout your agency, organization and/or associations. If you have comments, questions or feedback, contact us at (617) 624-5200 or visit the MDPH blog at <http://publichealth.blog.state.ma.us/>

**Confirmed H1N1 Influenza (swine flu)
Update for May 6, 2009, 1100 hrs**

Date Confirmed	Age*	County*	Hospitalized (Y/N/U)
Wednesday, April 29, 2009	13	Middlesex	N
Wednesday, April 29, 2009	9	Middlesex	N
Friday, May 1, 2009	14	Middlesex	Y (discharged)
Friday, May 1, 2009	47	Middlesex	N
Friday, May 1, 2009	9	Middlesex	Y (discharged)
Friday, May 1, 2009	33	Plymouth	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	28	Bristol	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	19	Hampshire	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	20	Hampshire	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	16	Middlesex	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	47	Middlesex	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	2	Middlesex	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	37	Middlesex	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	3	Middlesex	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	14	Middlesex	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	4	Middlesex	Y (discharged)
Monday, May 4, 2009	37	Middlesex	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	17	Middlesex	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	47	Middlesex	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	32	Middlesex	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	7	Middlesex	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	31	Middlesex	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	12	Middlesex	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	10	Middlesex	N

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Monday, May 4, 2009	17	Middlesex	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	16	Middlesex	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	8	Middlesex	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	17	Norfolk	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	57	Norfolk	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	7	Norfolk	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	20	Plymouth	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	24	Suffolk	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	25	Suffolk	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	26	Suffolk	N
Tuesday, May 05, 2009	10	Bristol	N
Tuesday, May 05, 2009	?	Franklin	N
Tuesday, May 05, 2009	19	Hampshire	N
Tuesday, May 05, 2009	12	Middlesex	N
Tuesday, May 05, 2009	16	Middlesex	N
Tuesday, May 05, 2009	16	Middlesex	N
Tuesday, May 05, 2009	49	Middlesex	N
Tuesday, May 05, 2009	13	Middlesex	N
Tuesday, May 05, 2009	12	Middlesex	N
Tuesday, May 05, 2009	18	Middlesex	N
Tuesday, May 05, 2009	7	Worcester	N