



**Wisconsin Department of Health Services**  
**Situation Report #11**  
**2009 H1N1 Flu Outbreak**  
May 8, 2009 1530 hours

**OVERVIEW** – A public health emergency remains in effect in Wisconsin in response to the presence of Influenza A (H1N1) in the state. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services and its many partners continue the aggressive response to an expanding outbreak caused by H1N1 flu. Our primary goals are to:

- Reduce transmission and illness severity.
- Provide information to help public health officials, health care providers, state and local officials, and the public understand and take steps to address this emergency.

The World Health Organization maintains its pandemic alert at Level 5, its second-highest level. Level 6 indicates a full scale pandemic. Level 5 means all countries should be activating their pandemic preparedness plans. CDC maintains its advisory on travel to Mexico-- recommends postponement of nonessential travel.

**Case Status**

- CDC today reported 1639 laboratory-confirmed cases in the U.S. in 43 states.
- Two H1N1-related deaths in the U.S. have been reported; both occurred in Texas.
- **Wisconsin probable and confirmed case counts by county (as of May 8, 2009--1500 Hrs)**

<b>County</b>	<b>Confirmed</b>	<b>Probable</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Adams	1	0	1
Brown	1	0	1
Dane	7	0	7
Dunn	1	0	1
Fond du Lac	1	0	1
Green	1	0	1
Jefferson	1	0	1
Kenosha	2	0	2
Milwaukee	159	36	195
Ozaukee	3	0	3
Polk	1	0	1
Racine	3	0	3
Rock	5	0	5
Sheboygan	3	0	3
Waukesha	12	0	12
County ID pending	97	0	97
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>298*</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>334</b>

\*The increase in confirmed cases from May 6th to May 8th reflects new testing capability in Wisconsin. Beginning this week the State Laboratory of Hygiene, the Milwaukee Health Department Laboratory, and the Midwest Respiratory Virus Program in Milwaukee have been approved to report confirmed novel H1N1 (Swine) influenza A. This eliminates the need to send specimens to CDC for

confirmation. Therefore, a large number of test results that were previously reported as probable have rapidly been reclassified as confirmed. This enhanced testing capability will improve our ability to track novel H1N1 (Swine) influenza A in Wisconsin.

### DPH Incident Command

- On Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>, the Division of Public Health learned that a new influenza virus now designated as 2009 H1N1 Flu had infected people in California, Texas, and Mexico. The Division of Public Health activated its Incident Command structure Friday evening and opened its Emergency Operations Center on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Dr. Seth Foldy, State Health Officer, currently serves as Incident Commander.
- The DPH EOC Call Center has been placed on stand-by status due to decreasing call load. The Bureau of Communicable Disease will respond to health care provider calls on lab test results, and the lab testing process, and professional guidance.
- DPH EOC staff will not be physically staffing the EOC office Saturday and Sunday, however they will be on call for emergency issues and daily morning briefings.
- Email address on the Pandemic website ([www.pandemic.wisconsin.gov](http://www.pandemic.wisconsin.gov)) should be used for non-urgent issues ([dhszipanflu@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dhszipanflu@wisconsin.gov)). The address will be checked once per day over the weekend.
- Communications Activities
  - “211 Wisconsin” is answering general calls related to H1N1 influenza. 211 has multilingual capability. 211 continues to respond to general questions, has translators available and has added staff for peak time periods. Call volume reported by 211
    - 674 total calls May 1--7
    - May 7 — 33 calls
    - Calls generally spike in the early evening and again after the news
    - TV stations are publicizing 211 as a resource for questions
  - The number of visits for the Pandemic website on Thursday, 5/07/09 was 7,527.
  - Four webcasts in American Sign Language are posted on the Pandemic website.
  - H1N1 flu informational materials in Spanish and Hmong have been posted on the Pandemic website. DPH continues work on translating all general public documents on the site.
  - Process for Partner Teleconference changed to webcast. There were 602 log-ins for today’s webcast.

### WEAVR/Medical Reserve Corps.

- 5/1/09 SE WI Medical Reserve Corps Unit activated to assist City of Milwaukee Call Center over the weekend. This MRC Unit is currently on stand by status following the weekend of May 2-3.
- All WEAVR members have received communication that included web resources for monitoring flu related details. WEAVR membership now at 2,330, an increase of 40 since 4/27/09. A link to WEAVR was added to the Pandemic web page.

**Updates to Guidance as of 1530 hours.** The following CDC guidance documents have been posted to [www.pandemic.wisconsin.gov](http://www.pandemic.wisconsin.gov) and on the Health Alert Network:

#### CDC Guidance Changes:

- Colleges and Universities **May 6, 7:00 PM ET** (NEW)
- School (K-12) and Childcare Facilities **May 7, 2:13 AM ET** (NEW)
- Antiviral Recommendations **May 6, 11:00 PM ET** (UPDATED)

## Wisconsin Guidance Changes for Schools / Day Care Centers:

- Wisconsin School/ Day Care Center Closure: Interim Guidance to Local Health Departments and Tribal Communities in Response to Human Infections with Novel Influenza A (H1N1) / 2009 **May 6, 2009** (NEW)

**Note:**

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/> for the most current CDC guidance for clinicians and professionals

**DPH Regional Office activities**

**Northern Region:** Northern regional office staff continue to monitor and update counties that do not have access to WEDSS, encourage and train counties to be able to access their jurisdiction's reports and update NRO regional summary of the number of Novel Influenza A tests submitted/performed in WEDSS. Ongoing communication with Northern Region Health Officers about issues of local concern.

**North Eastern Region:** Fond du Lac County health department was notified that they have one confirmed case of H1N1 Swine flu. Questions on turn around time for lab samples brought up and addressed.

**Southern Region:** Mary Young facilitated 10am local partner conference call. Jenny Ullsvik is developing a call center chart for weekend coverage if needed.

**South Eastern Region:** Local health departments are working with local partners providing information or guidance on community events including a county 4H event and graduation activities. Contacting, via phone or on-site visits, clinics that serve populations that are uninsured and some clinics that are partners in our Vaccine for Children program. Request for mutual aid activated by Milwaukee Health Department for case management.

**Western Region:** Provide 24/7 access and support to LHDs for questions/issues/concerns. Monitor regional activities for novel H1N1. Provide twice daily update to all LHDs. Monitor and support local and regional activities for novel H1N1. Regional office call-down staff are available for assistance with response as needed including nurses, health educators, and support staff. Regional office Director is available after hours and on the weekend.

**Strategic National Stockpile**

- Order forms for PPE from the SNS are now available on [www.pandemic.wisconsin.gov](http://www.pandemic.wisconsin.gov)  
-At this point requests for drugs and PPE have been minimal.
- SNS deliveries to Wisconsin are complete.
- FDA has issued Emergency Use Authorization for the use of Tamiflu and Relenza
- FDA has revised the PREP Act to cover medical products used for the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus.
- CDC has stated there is no shortage of antiviral drugs in the commercial pharmacy supply chain.

**The next situation report will be available on Monday, May 11, 2009.**