



**Wisconsin Department of Health Services**  
**Situation Report #12**  
**2009 H1N1 Flu Outbreak**  
May 11, 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 2,600 laboratory-confirmed cases in the U.S. in 44 states.
- Three H1N1-related deaths in the U.S. have been reported; two occurred in Texas, and 1 in Washington State.
- **Wisconsin probable and confirmed case counts by county (as of May 11, 2009--1500 Hrs)**

<b>County</b>	<b>Confirmed</b>	<b>Probable</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Adams	1	0	1
Brown	5	0	5
Dane	22	0	22
Dunn	1	0	1
Fond du Lac	1	0	1
Green	1	0	1
Jefferson	1	0	1
Kenosha	2	0	2
Marathon	1	0	1
Milwaukee	231	34	265
Ozaukee	4	0	4
Polk	3	0	3
Price	1	0	1
Racine	3	0	3
Rock	5	0	5
Sheboygan	5	0	5
Waukesha	21	1	22
County ID pending	106	0	106
<b>TOTAL (17)</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>449</b>

### Wisconsin Case Summary

- Median age is 12 years (range 0 – 79)
- 74% of case patients are under the age of 20; only 1% of case patients are over the age of 60.
- 51% of case patients are female.
- 5 (1.5%) of 401 probable and confirmed cases were hospitalized.

### 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.
- The DPH EOC reopened Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 0800.
- 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. Call volume reported by 211:
    - 708 total calls through May 10
    - May 9-10 — 21 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 Sunday, 5/10/09 was 3,146.
  - 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.

### WEAVR/Medical Reserve Corps.

- The SE WI Medical Reserve Corps Unit is currently on stand by status.
- 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:

- Public Gatherings May 10 (9:30am ET) **NEW**
- Update on School (K – 12) and Childcare Programs May 9 (12:45pm ET) **UPDATED**
- Interim Guidance for Institutions of Higher Education May 11 (10am ET) **UPDATED**

## Wisconsin Guidance Changes for Clinicians:

- Memo: Importance of application of recommended infection control precautions during Influenza A (H1N1) outbreak (May 8, 2009 09:15) **NEW**

**Note:**

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

**DPH Regional Office activities**

**Northern Region:** Two cases were confirmed in the northern region over the weekend. Followed up with health officers and provided data entry support. One case was transferred to Brown County since the exposure occurred there. Providing updated testing information to local health departments twice daily.

**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:** Updating LHDs regarding H1N1 cases in their jurisdictions. Staff are continuing in DPH leadership roles, participating in Media site events. Staff Also helping with SNS responsibilities.

**South Eastern Region:** Case reports continue to increase in the region creating high need for case management resources especially bilingual resources. Regional staff continue working on updating key data fields in the disease reporting database and the Milwaukee Health Department line list. Work with stand-alone clinics serving the uninsured continues.

**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.