



**Wisconsin Department of Health Services**  
**Situation Report #14**  
**2009 H1N1 Flu Outbreak**  
May 13, 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 3,352 laboratory-confirmed cases in the U.S. in 45 states (includes D.C.).
- 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 13, 009--1500 Hrs)**

<b>County</b>	<b>Confirmed</b>	<b>Probable</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Adams	1	0	1
Brown	8	0	8
Columbia	2*	0	2*
Dane	34	0	34
Dodge	1	0	1
Dunn	1	0	1
Fond du Lac	1	0	1
Green	1	0	1
Jefferson	1	0	1
Kenosha	2	0	2
Milwaukee	394	0	394
Ozaukee	5	0	5
Polk	3	0	3
Price	1	0	1
Racine	3	0	3
Rock	6	0	6
Shawano	1	0	1
Sheboygan	5	0	5
Waukesha	29	0	29
County ID pending	9	0	9
<b>*TOTAL (19)</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>508</b>

\*Note: Two confirmed case reported to DPH as Dane County residents were found to be residents of Columbia County.

- **Wisconsin Case Summary**

- Median age is 12 years (range 3 mos. – 79 years)
- 75% 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 (2.6%) patients have been hospitalized out of 195 patients for whom hospitalization status is known.

### **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>.
- Sandra Breitborde, Director of the Bureau of Communicable Diseases, 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 has begun to scale down the scope of operations and staff commitment.
- 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
  - The U.S. Library of Congress has selected the [pandemic.wisconsin.gov](http://pandemic.wisconsin.gov) Web site for inclusion in its historic collections of Internet materials related to the Presidential Transition during a Time of Crises. The Library of Congress preserves the Nation's cultural artifacts and provides enduring access to them. The Library will collect content from the Web site at regular intervals, and will make this collection available to researchers onsite at Library facilities. It will also make the collection available to offsite researchers by hosting the collection on the Library's public access Web site.
  - “211 Wisconsin” is answering general calls related to H1N1 influenza. 211 has multilingual capability.
  - The number of visits for the Pandemic website on Tuesday, 5/12/09 was 6,614.
  - 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.

**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:

- Clinical Data Collection Forms and Templates **May 12 NEW**

Wisconsin Guidance changes:

- **No changes**

**Note:**

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

**DPH Regional Office activities**

- **Northern Region:** Provided information on timeliness of test results from lab and data entry. Providing updated testing information to local health departments once daily.
- **North Eastern Region:** Staff will meet with NE regional LHDs and tribal representatives at the May 14 NE regional WALHDAB meeting, to conduct a “mini” debriefing on what went well and what would they recommend be improved regarding the current/past H1N1 swine influenza outbreak.
- **Southern Region:** Updating LHDs regarding H1N1 cases in their jurisdictions. Staff are continuing in DPH leadership roles, participating in Media site events. Staff are also helping with SNS responsibilities.
- **South Eastern Region:** As case reports continue to increase across the region, local health departments are seeking guidance on case investigation of symptomatic contacts due to the increasing resource demands. Work with independent 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. Facilitated discussion about school check-list form and school surveillance form with central office. Coordination with MN Department of Health related to WI residents that are being tested in MN facilities and negative test results.

**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.