



**Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH)
2009 Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Status Report**

May 14, 2009, 5:00 p.m.

The next PA DOH Status Report will be distributed on May 21, 2009.

Internationally

Internationally, 33 countries have officially reported 6,497 cases of influenza A (H1N1) infection. Mexico has reported 2,446 laboratory confirmed human cases of infection, including 60 deaths.

Nationally

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to take aggressive action to respond to the outbreak. CDC's response goals are to reduce the spread and severity of illness, and to provide information to help health care providers, public health officials and the public address the challenges posed by this new public health threat. CDC is issuing updated interim guidance daily in response to the rapidly evolving situation.

As of May 14, 2009, 11:00 a.m., the CDC is reporting 4,298 laboratory confirmed cases of the 2009 Novel Influenza A (H1N1) virus across 47 states and the District of Columbia. Two deaths in the US have been confirmed in Texas, one in Washington.

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<u>State</u>	<u>Confirmed Cases</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Alabama	41	
Arkansas	1	
Arizona	431	
California	473	
Colorado	47	
Connecticut	38	
Delaware	58	
Florida	65	
Georgia	36	
Hawaii	10	
Idaho	5	
Illinois	620	
Indiana	70	
Iowa	58	
Kansas	28	
Kentucky*	13	
Louisiana	45	
Maine	13	

Maryland	28	
Massachusetts	109	
Michigan	141	
Minnesota	34	
Missouri	20	
Montana	5	
Nebraska	23	
Nevada	25	
New Hampshire	18	
New Jersey	12	
New Mexico	51	
New York	224	
North Carolina	12	
North Dakota	1	
Ohio	12	
Oklahoma	22	
Oregon	94	
Pennsylvania	50	
Rhode Island	8	
South Carolina	34	
South Dakota	5	
Tennessee	63	
Texas	439	2
Utah	80	
Vermont	1	
Virginia	20	
Washington	195	1
Washington D.C.	10	
Wisconsin	510	
Total:	4,298	3

Statewide

Disease Investigation

	Confirmed Cases	Probable Cases
Pennsylvania	36	12
Total:	36	12

As of May 14, 2009, 3:00 p.m., Pennsylvania has **36 confirmed** cases of 2009 Novel Influenza A (H1N1) virus located in Adams (2), Allegheny (1), Berks (2), Bucks (4), Cambria (1), Chester (2), Delaware (2), Lancaster (1) Luzerne (1), Lycoming (1), Mercer (1) Montgomery (3), Philadelphia (14), and Westmoreland (1) counties and **12 probable** cases located in Chester (1), Franklin (1), Lehigh (2), Montgomery (2), Philadelphia (4), Westmoreland (1) and York (1) counties.

Due to a confirmed case in a Berks County student, the Conrad Weiser West Elementary School in Womelsdorf will be closed for seven days beginning today. The school worked closely with the Department of Health to make this decision.

Active surveillance and investigation of suspected cases continue and the PA DOH will continue to monitor the situation closely.

The PA DOH State Laboratory is continually testing samples received for patients with suspected novel influenza A (H1N1) virus infection. The State Laboratory has the capability to perform the test to confirm a sample as novel influenza A (H1N1) virus, a test that was originally performed only at the CDC.

Communications

The PA DOH website, www.health.state.pa.us, is updated daily and has a link to www.pandemicflu.state.pa.us, and the CDC H1N1 flu webpage, www.cdc.gov/swineflu. The information includes items for the general public, clinicians, laboratories, and public and animal health officials. This site also includes interim guidance documents.

The PA DOH Communications Office continues to coordinate public information and risk communication for this event and is educating the public and health care providers on the 2009 Novel Influenza A (H1N1) virus.

The PA DOH Bureau of Community Health Systems is working locally out of the six District Offices to provide education, assistance, and guidance to the communities they serve, as well as to respond to 1-877-PA-HEALTH calls. (37 calls received May 14, 2009).

Guidance

The PA Health Alert Network (PA HAN) released several health advisories which are posted on the PA DOH website. The advisories provide guidance regarding the use of antiviral medications and an algorithm for diagnostic testing. Health care providers and facilities with questions about the CDC or PA DOH recommendations can contact your local health department or 1-877-PA-HEALTH.

The PA Department of Health recommends that all 911 center and Emergency Services organizations within the Commonwealth follow the directions of the *Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems and 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) for Management of Patients with Confirmed or Suspected – Origin Influenza A (H1N1) Infection* until such time CDC updates or changes the guidance.

Antiviral medication

PA received the requested 25% of antivirals, respiratory protection, and personal protective equipment from the CDC Strategic National Stockpile that was pre-allocated to the Commonwealth. Added to the antivirals the Commonwealth has already stockpiled, this brings the total number to approximately 1.8 million courses.

The PA DOH released the *Interim Antiviral Stockpile Distribution Plan*, dated 5/1/09. The PA DOH continues to review and revise the plan to reflect the CDC's antiviral distribution guidance.