



Monroe County Department of Emergency Management

Operational Period:
EOC Activation Level: 3 Monitoring
State EOC Activation Level: 2 Partial Activation

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6. Summary of Current Situation and Actions

- A County wide teleconference was conducted at 0830 hr May 4, 2009, and there will be no further scheduled County wide teleconferences. Shall the need for a future teleconference arise MCEM will notify shareholders.
- Domestic Flight Threat Level is Orange (high)
- CDC traveler information available at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/contentSwineFluMexico.aspx>
- The World Health Organization is at Phase 5 on its pandemic measure.
- There are five confirmed cases in Florida; Broward (1), Lee (2), Pinellas (1), and Miami Dade (1).
- The State Surgeon General is asking that local Community Mitigation Strategy Plan be implemented as needed. The plan calls for social distancing, communities to consider prevention of large gatherings, cancellation of athletic events, etc.
- MCDOH is maintaining close communication with the Monroe County School Board officials and the County hospitals and medical community.
- H1N1 guidance for Schools (K-12) and Childcare facilities is available at http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/K12_dismissal.htm
- It is recommended that social service drivers wear gloves, mask, wash hands, and clean their vehicles after providing transportation to any flu like symptom suspected passenger to prevent the spread of any virus and to notify the DOH of such incident.
- A toll free information line was activated by DOH on 4/30/09 to address an increasing number of calls from the public requesting swine flu information. The number to call is 1-800-775-8039.
- The State of Florida Flu information line is 1-800-342-3557 open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- CDC recommends the use of Oseltamivir or Zanamivir for the treatment and/or prevention of infection with swine influenza viruses.
 - Oseltamivir (brand name Tamiflu ®) is approved to both treat and prevent influenza A and B virus infection in people one year of age and older.
 - Zanamivir (brand name Relenza ®) is approved to treat influenza A and B virus infection in people 7 years and older and to prevent influenza A and B virus infection in people 5 years and older.
- Recommendations for using antiviral drugs for treatment or prevention of swine influenza will change as we learn more about this new virus – consult your personal physician.
- Anti-viral have been pre-positioned to areas of potential need throughout the State. According to DOH we have over one half million individual courses.

Planning Assumptions:

- Emergency Management continues to work with the MCDOH regarding preparedness planning.
- The Bureau of Epidemiology-based Swine Flu Incident Management Team is the lead for implementing the influenza response strategy
- MCDOH continues to work with public schools in an effort to increase surveillance.
- Logistical support for local operations and public health and medical messaging to internal and external partners are the most critical objectives for county ESF-8 currently



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INFORMATION AND RUMOR CONTROL HOTLINES

Persons are encouraged to contact and report any unusual influenza like symptoms to the following numbers

- MONROE COUNTY HOTLINE: [800-955-5504](tel:800-955-5504)
- MUNICIPAL HOTLINES
 - KEY WEST: [305-809-1108](tel:305-809-1108)
 - MARATHON: [305-289-5268](tel:305-289-5268)
 - KEY COLONY BEACH: [305-289-1212](tel:305-289-1212)
 - LAYTON: [305-664-4667](tel:305-664-4667)
 - ISLAMORADA: [305-664-2345](tel:305-664-2345)

HOSPITALS

- MARINER'S: Continues to be engaged in protective measures and monitoring the situation
- FISHERMAN'S: Will continue to monitor any trends or outbreaks as the county voluntary sentinel physician hospital.
- LOWER KEYS MEDICAL CENTER: Continues to be engaged in protective measures and monitoring the situation.

7. Summary of Current Actions

SAFETY MESSAGE

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread and enter your body that way.

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- If you get sick, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

The incubation period for Type A (H1N1) virus is 2 to 7 days. People may catch the virus before any symptoms become visible.

The public is encouraged to call 1-800-775-8039 for answer to H1N1 related questions.

8. Review and Approval