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SUBJECT: Swine Influenza Investigation - Update 6

To keep you apprised of Health Care Agency (HCA) activities during the current swine influenza outbreak, we will be providing daily updates to the Board of Supervisors.

Mexico and International Update as of Friday, May 1, 2009, 8 a.m.

Confirmed cases are now reported in 14 countries, including a recently diagnosed case in Hong Kong. The WHO is now referring to swine influenza as Influenza A (H1N1). The World Health Organization (WHO) Pandemic Alert Level remains at Phase 5.

Mexico is now only reporting confirmed cases. The total number of confirmed cases in Mexico is 312, with 12 deaths. Media reports continue to place the totals much higher.

National and State Update as of Friday, May 1, 2009, 8 a.m.

There are 16 confirmed swine flu cases in California. At least 41 cases in California are classified as probable awaiting test results.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has activated a swine flu hotline to answer calls from the public. The phone number is (888) 865-0564. CDPH's swine flu hotline is available Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on weekends from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The number of confirmed U.S. cases was 109 as of April 30, 2009, with one death (a 22 month old in Texas). News reports place the number of confirmed U.S. cases at over 130.

Local Updates as of Friday, May 1, 2009, 8 a.m.

Orange County reported its first two probable cases on Thursday, April 30th. They are:

- An 18-year-old male from Irvine (fully recovered), and
- A 26-year-old male from Irvine (recovering at home)

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Both individuals have a history of recent travel to Mexico. The cases are not related.

The County of Orange proclaimed a Local Emergency on Thursday, April 30, 2009.

- A well attended press conference was held Thursday afternoon, April 30, 2009, to announce the two probable cases and the County's proclamation of a local emergency.
- HCA Public Health Epidemiology continues to receive many calls from physician offices. Enhanced surveillance with hospitals and healthcare providers continues, including frequent information and clinical guidance updates. Epidemiology also follows-up with contacts of probable cases to identify any additional illnesses.
- The Public Health Laboratory continues to test a high volume of specimens submitted by local hospitals and providers. Efforts are being made to prioritize specimens that meet CDC and CDPH case criteria. As needed, samples will be sent to the CDPH for confirmation.
- Orange County's base allocation of anti-viral drugs from the State is pre-positioned in the event the medications are needed in response to the swine flu situation.
- HCA's Health Referral Line (800-564-8448) continues to receive a high volume of calls from the public.
- HCA's Health Emergency Operations Center (HEOC) is activated to Level One, as is the Operational Area (OA) EOC at Loma Ridge. Both the HCA Emergency Medical Services and Public Health Disease Control Departmental Operations Centers are also activated.

HCA continues to coordinate efforts with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at (714) 834-6021.



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