

# State of Montana DPHHS HAN UPDATE

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**DPHHS Recommendations:**

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**DPHHS has scheduled a conference call for Public Health Departments at 3:30 PM, Tuesday May 5, 2009. We will provide a general update on plans being made in the various DPHHS programs to address H1N1(swine) influenza and answer questions.**

**To join the conference call dial: XXXXXXXXXXXX and enter XXXXXX for the pass code.**

**AS OF 4PM MONDAY 5/4/09, THERE ARE NO *CONFIRMED* CASES OF H1N1(SWINE) INFLUENZA IN MONTANA. WE CONTINUE TO CONFIRM SEASONAL INFLUENZA IN SPECIMENS SUBMITTED TO THE MTPHL.**

**Laboratory Testing Update**MTPHL has tested and reported on 328 specimens from April 28, 2009 until noon on May 4, 2009; 64 (20%) specimens were positive for influenza A. Of those that have been subtyped, all have been H1 or H3 seasonal influenza. In addition, testing on approximately 25 specimens received Monday 5/4/09 is currently pending. To put this in perspective, during the period October 1, 2008 - April 27, 2009, MTPHL tested a total of 450 specimens. Antiviral Use

**Please continue to remind clinicians to use antiviral medications judiciously and according to current CDC Guidance on Use of Antivirals (<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/recommendations.htm>)**

**Antiviral treatment should be considered for confirmed, probable or suspected cases of swine-origin influenza A (H1N1) virus infection. *Priority should be given to the treatment of hospitalized patients and patients at higher risk for influenza complications.***

**DPHHS Health Alert Hotline 1-800-701-5769  
Visit the DPHHS Health Alert Network Website at [www.han.mt.gov](http://www.han.mt.gov)**

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The goal of Montana's Health Alert Network is to transmit information to local public health authorities as quickly as possible, and assign a suitable priority to the message that is sensitive to the impact of a health-related event providing information relative to the public health and safety of Montanans. For questions or comments relative to Montana's HAN system you may contact the DPHHS HAN Coordinator, Gerry Wheat at <mailto:gwheat@mt.gov>

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**Interim CDC Guidance Documents on H1N1 Flu and Cardiovascular Disease, Use of Rapid Influenza Diagnostic Tests, and Protection of Cruise Ship Passengers and Crew**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continues its response to the H1N1 Flu outbreak. As of May 3, 226 human infections with novel H1N1 flu have been confirmed in 30 states in the United States. Yesterday, CDC reported 160 cases in 21 states. This jump in case numbers is more than likely due to catch up confirmation of lab results. As testing continues in many other states, more cases and more states are expected to be added.

CDC's goals continue to be to reduce transmission and illness severity and provide information to assist health care providers, public health officials and the public. To this end, CDC continues to update or create interim guidance documents.

As of May 3, additional resources for the public health workforce and clinicians were posted to the CDC web site to assist in addressing the challenges posed by this newly identified influenza virus.

**H1N1 Flu and Patients With Cardiovascular Disease (Heart Disease and Stroke): Interim Guidance and Considerations for Health Care Providers and for State and Local Public Health Agencies**

Patients with chronic cardiovascular disease and cerebrovascular disease (CVD) are at increased risk of experiencing an acute exacerbation of disease during influenza epidemics. This guidance will include recommendations for treatment of persons with cardiovascular disease.

**Use of Rapid Influenza Diagnostic Tests for Patients with Influenza-like Illness during the Novel H1N1 Influenza Virus (Swine Flu) Outbreak**

Clinicians may consider using rapid diagnostic tests as part of their evaluation of patients with signs and symptoms compatible with influenza, but results should be interpreted with caution. This guidance provides the advantages and limitations of using this test.

**Interim Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Guidance for Cruise Ships**

Interim guidance provided for crew members and passengers of cruise ships originating from or stopping in ports in areas affected by the new H1N1 influenza virus outbreak. This document will be updated as needed

Additional documents for health care providers, public health officials and the public are available on [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). Information for the public is posted daily in both English and Spanish. Also, CDC's toll-free hotline, 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) TTY: (888) 232-6348, is available 24 hours a day, every day.

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### **Update on School (K – 12) Dismissal and Childcare Facilities: Interim CDC Guidance in Response to Human Infections with the Influenza A H1N1 Virus**

Based on new information on circulation of a new influenza A (H1N1) virus among people in the US and Mexico first detected in April 2009, this document provides updated interim planning guidance for State, territorial, tribal, and local communities.

This guidance, dated May 1, 2009 (1635 ET) includes recommendations on school dismissal for K – 12 schools and closure of childcare programs and facilities and updates previously issued guidance on community mitigation interventions for this disease.

School dismissal and childcare closures are an important part of a comprehensive, layered mitigation approach aimed at reducing disease transmission and associated morbidity and mortality during the H1N1 influenza virus outbreak in the US.

The full document may be found here: [http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/K12\\_dismissal.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/K12_dismissal.htm)

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