

**Massachusetts Department of Public Health  
Emergency Preparedness Bureau**

**May 5, 2009  
1730 hrs**

**Situation Report:  
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May 5, 2009 at 1830 hrs – Report # 10

- Massachusetts:** 34 confirmed cases as of May 4, 2009 at 1900 hrs  
**\*\*Please see the end of this report for a detailed listing of confirmed cases**
- New England:** 39 confirmed cases as of May 5, 2009 at 1100 hrs  
(34 in MA, 2 in CT, 1 in NH, 1 in RI, 1 in ME)
- National:** 403 confirmed cases in 38 states / 2 deaths per CDC daily update at 1530 hrs  
**\*\*Please note that CDC did not include the updated confirmed cases for MA in their May 5<sup>th</sup> update at 11:00 a.m. they still have MA listed as 6 cases**  
CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>  
Federal Government declared a public health emergency which allows states to access federal resources- April 26, 2009
- International:** WHO at <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>  
WHO announced that it raised the level of the influenza pandemic alert from a phase 4 to a phase 5 on April 29, 2009.  
**\*\*As of May 4, 2009, 06:00 GMT 21 countries have officially reported 1124 cases of influenza A (H1N1) infection.**

## Massachusetts Swine Flu Incident Command Actions:

- Legislative briefing was held today in which Secretary Bigby, Commissioner Auerbach, Lauren Smith and Mary Clark attended
- Communications staff are working to develop a 30 second PSA as well as a 20 minute H1N1 video
- The final two hospitals (on Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard) received their SNS material today. A portion of those supplies can be made available to the Wampanoag-Aquinnah Tribal Clinic on Martha's Vineyard if they should need them. Community Health Centers will receive their allotment tomorrow.
- Confirmatory tests of H1N1 influenza are now being performed at the Hinton State Laboratory Institute, with an expected turnaround time of 24-36 hours, depending on specimen load
- DPH staff has continued to work with healthcare distributors regarding antiviral and PPE deliveries within the Commonwealth and have a conference call set up for tomorrow to discuss the issue further.
- Update of blog site on MDPH website – May 4, 2009 at 1920 hrs
- Mass211 received 220 calls yesterday, which is down from a peak of 521 calls last Friday. Some of the primary questions are:
  - Symptoms continue to be the primary concern..."I have a fever etc or what are the symptoms?
  - Anxiety questions 'I am afraid or can I get a flu shot
  - Food questions: can I eat pork? Can I eat fruits and vegetables from Mexico? Can I eat Chinese food?

- Travel questions-can I travel by bus?
- Conference calls conducted today:
  - ICS staff daily call led by Commissioner Auerbach and Mary Clark
  - Director's of Public Health Preparedness call sponsored by ASTHO – Mary Clark and Alissa Scharf were on the call
  - Situational awareness call with Boston Public Health Commission – Mary Clark and Tim McDonald were on the call
- Website updates:
  - Portuguese and Spanish languages added to the Updated May 4: HINI Virus document under general information and Haitian Creole was added to the Home Isolation document under general information
  - Portuguese and Spanish versions of new case confirmation press release from last night was added.
  - Deleted the 'guidance for professionals' sub-heading, and moved the documents underneath that sub-heading into 2 new ones; 'For Healthcare Professionals' and 'For Schools and Childcare Professionals'
  - Home isolation document is now posted in Somali

**Continuing Activity:**

- Ongoing surveillance and response to health care reports of influenza-like illness
- Participating in daily conference calls with New England/Northeast Health Commissioners and with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

**Upcoming Activities**

- Clinical group being formed to assist with guidance information
- Address protocols for Universities and Colleges
- Finalize Antiviral/Mask Distribution Plan for ambulatory care; college health services; and Emergency Medical Services

**For further information go to:**

- MDPH at <http://www.mass.gov/dph/swineflu>
- CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>
- WHO at <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>

Please feel free to circulate this to colleagues and throughout your agency, organization and/or associations. If you have comments, questions or feedback, contact us at (617) 624-5200 or visit the MDPH blog at <http://publichealth.blog.state.ma.us/>

**Confirmed Massachusetts H1N1 Influenza (swine flu) As of May 4, 2009**

<b>Date Confirmed</b>	<b>Age*</b>	<b>County*</b>	<b>Symptom Onset</b>	<b>Hospitalized (Y/N/U)</b>
Wednesday, April 29, 2009	13	Middlesex	4/22/2009	N
Wednesday, April 29, 2009	9	Middlesex	4/26/2009	N
Friday, May 1, 2009	14	Middlesex	4/22/2009	Y (discharged)

Friday, May 1, 2009	47	Middlesex	4/26/2009	N
Friday, May 1, 2009	9	Middlesex	4/25/2009	Y (discharged)
Friday, May 1, 2009	33	Plymouth	4/25/2009	N
<b>Date Confirmed</b>	<b>Age*</b>	<b>County*</b>	<b>Symptom Onset</b>	<b>Hospitalized (Y/N/U)</b>
Monday, May 4, 2009	28	Bristol	4/29/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	19	Hampshire	4/26/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	20	Hampshire	4/28/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	16	Middlesex	4/27/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	47	Middlesex	4/24/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	2	Middlesex	4/27/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	37	Middlesex	4/27/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	3	Middlesex	4/26/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	14	Middlesex	4/27/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	4	Middlesex		Y (discharged)
Monday, May 4, 2009	37	Middlesex	4/28/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	17	Middlesex		N
Monday, May 4, 2009	47	Middlesex	4/25/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	32	Middlesex	4/28/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	7	Middlesex		N
Monday, May 4, 2009	31	Middlesex		N
Monday, May 4, 2009	12	Middlesex	4/27/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	10	Middlesex	4/30/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	17	Middlesex		N
Monday, May 4, 2009	16	Middlesex	4/25/2029	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	8	Middlesex	4/30/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	17	Norfolk	4/27/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	57	Norfolk	4/25/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	7	Norfolk	4/19/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	20	Plymouth	4/24/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	24	Suffolk	4/26/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	25	Suffolk	4/25/2009	N
Monday, May 4, 2009	26	Suffolk	4/27/2009	N