



## H1N1 Virus Partner Briefing

Influenza A (H1N1) Virus of Swine Origins

April 30, 2009, 2 PM

- Rhode Island:** Three probable cases as of April 30, 2009, 2 PM
- New England States:** Five confirmed cases and states investigating additional probable cases as of April 30, 2009, 8 AM
- National Report:** CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/investigation.htm>
- International Report:** WHO at [http://www.who.int/csr/don/2009\\_04\\_24/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/csr/don/2009_04_24/en/index.html)  
International travel advisory issued  
<http://www.who.int/ith/en/index.html>

### Rhode Island Department of Health (HEALTH) steps to prevent spread of illness:

- Travel outside of Rhode Island – We have seen illness in many places so remember the prevention strategies should you decide to travel. International travel guidance is posted above.
- To print a poster on how to slow the spread of disease for display at community and public settings like schools and child care facilities click on the following website <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/covercough.htm>

### RI Swine Flu Coordinating Task Force Actions:

- We continue to evaluate influenza-like cases reported to HEALTH.
- **401-222-8022** is the Swine Flu information line open during business hours for your questions. Common topics include:
  - Antivirals- There is a difference between antibiotics and antivirals. CDC does not recommend taking antivirals to prevent the H1N1 flu.
  - Travel – see above for travel outside RI and International travel
- Updated guidance has been sent to first responders.
- A Conference Call was held with the Hospital Public Information Officers to review most recent developments.

### Continuing Activity:

- A daily press briefing is scheduled for 2 PM
- Daily conference calls will be held with Emergency Management Directors and Hospital Liaisons
- Officials at Health participate in daily conference calls with New England Health Commissioners and with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

### For further information go to:

- HEALTH at <http://www.health.ri.gov>
- CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>
- WHO at <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>
- **Twitter Address:** RIDeptHealth (<http://www.twitter.com/rideptofhealth>)

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