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SUBJECT: H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) Investigation - Update 12

To keep you apprised of Health Care Agency (HCA) activities during the current H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) outbreak, we will be providing periodic updates to the Board of Supervisors.

Mexico and International Update as of Thursday, May 14, 2009, 8 a.m.

The World Health Organization (WHO) is reporting 6,497 H1N1 Flu cases in 33 countries. The WHO Pandemic Alert Level remains at Phase 5. WHO reports show 2,446 laboratory confirmed human cases of infection in Mexico, including 60 deaths.

The WHO says countries should save antiviral drugs for those patients most at risk, including those already suffering from other diseases or complications. World Health Organization officials are also meeting with vaccine manufacturers to discuss vaccine production issues, including how much should be produced, how it will be distributed and who should get it.

Mexico's Health Secretary has stated that 89% of the municipalities in the country have no confirmed cases of Influenza A (H1N1), and has urged the population to fully resume its activities without abandoning its prevention activities. A researcher at Mexico's National Public Health Institute announced that mathematical models show the downward trend in H1N1 cases has continued and that social distancing measures as well as the way H1N1 cases were treated proved to be effective in limiting the extent and severity of the outbreak.

National and State Update as of Thursday, May 14, 2009, 8 a.m.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported 3,352 confirmed H1N1 cases in 45 states and the District of Columbia. There have been three (3) H1N1 related deaths in the U.S. The CDC says pregnant women in particular should take antiviral drugs if they are diagnosed with swine flu, even though effects on the fetus are not completely known. According

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to a nationwide poll released on Thursday, less than one-third of U.S. adults would get a shot especially made to protect against the H1N1 flu virus. Only 36 percent said they got a vaccine to protect against seasonal influenza this year.

There are 254 confirmed and 219 probable H1N1 Flu (swine flu) cases in California.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has announced that inmate visitation can resume on Friday, May 15th because the H1N1 flu has turned out to be a relatively mild illness.

Local Updates as of Thursday, May 14, 2009, 8 a.m.

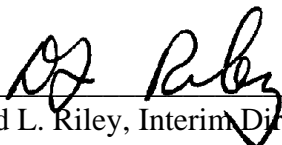
Orange County has reported 20 confirmed and 8 probable H1N1 Flu cases.

HCA priorities for disease surveillance are currently focusing on: (1) severe illness to detect any changes in the virulence or epidemiology of the viruses, (2) clusters of cases to assist with mitigation in the particular outbreak settings, and (3) high risk groups.

The HCA Public Health Laboratory is in the process of validating procedures to be able to conduct confirmatory testing for H1N1 flu locally.

HCA continues to coordinate efforts with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the CDC.

As the nature of this situation has changed, HCA will plan to provide the Board with updates on Tuesday and Thursday, with more frequent updates should there be a significant change in the situation or if there is significant information to report. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at (714) 834-6021.



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