

# H1N1 (Swine Flu) Update

## May 27, 2009

This weekly report is designed to provide you with current information about the swine flu, the NPS role, and how it affects our jobs and lives. For your convenience, this document summarizes both **official** (NPS and other government sources) and **non-official** (media coverage) information. It includes four sections: (1) Overview of Current Situation, (2) NPS Monitoring and Response, (3) Information from Other Official Sources, and (4) Summaries of News (National and Global).

### 1. Current Situation

The media attention to H1N1 appears to be waning. The international count is just over 15,000 cases, while the CDC is reporting 403 cases in the United States. Guatemala has been added to the list today as a new country reporting a confirmed case (1 case).

### 2. National Park Service – Monitoring and Response

- Coordinating and communicating with federal health agencies and DOI
- Formed a Servicewide H1N1 Coordination and Response Team, led by the Emergency Services Branch and the Office of Public Health
- Providing weekly updates and briefings for NPS senior staff
- Participating in daily CDC briefings with state and county health officials
- Established two websites—[intranet](#) and [public use](#)—for improving dissemination of information and guidance materials
- Assisting NPS units and regional offices in:
  - developing and/or implementing pandemic flu preparedness or response measures
  - interpreting CDC guidance documents as applicable to NPS employees, visitors, and work settings

### 3. Information from Other Official Sources

- As of 06:00 GMT, 27 May 2009, 48 countries have officially reported 13,398 cases of influenza A(H1N1) infection, including 95 deaths.

**New Influenza A (H1N1),  
Number of laboratory confirmed cases and deaths as reported to WHO**

**Status as of 27 May 2009  
06:00 GMT**



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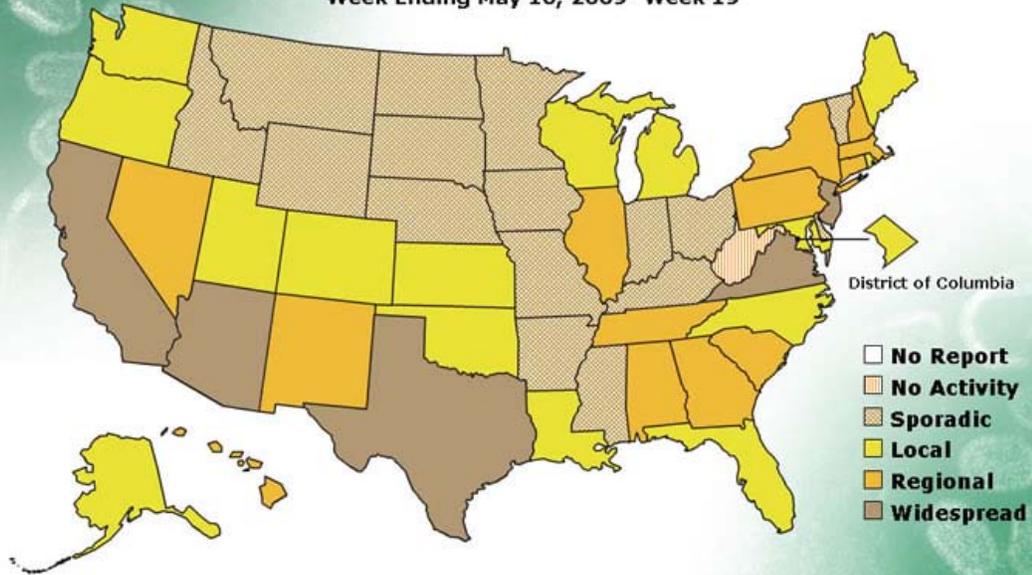
- The following table from (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 5/27/09) summarizes the state-by-state breakdown of confirmed cases.

# FLUVIEW



**A Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report Prepared by the Influenza Division**  
**Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates Reported by State and Territorial Epidemiologists\***

Week Ending May 16, 2009- Week 19



\*This map indicates geographic spread and does not measure the severity of influenza activity.

Flu Infection		
(As of May 27, 2009, 11:00 AM ET)		
(Updated Mon, Wed, and Fri)		
States*	Confirmed and Probable Cases	Deaths
Alabama	67	
Arkansas	12	
Arizona	532	3
California	553	
Colorado	68	
Connecticut	102	
Delaware	108	
Florida	139	
Georgia	28	
Hawaii	44	
Idaho	11	
Illinois	927	

Indiana	120	
Iowa	71	
Kansas	34	
Kentucky**	38	
Louisiana	86	
Maine	9	
Maryland	44	
Massachusetts	286	
Michigan	178	
Minnesota	44	
Mississippi	8	
Missouri	24	1
Montana	12	
Nebraska	35	
Nevada	50	
New Hampshire	27	
New Jersey	29	
New Mexico	97	
New York	456	2
North Carolina	13	
North Dakota	6	
Ohio	15	
Oklahoma	64	
Oregon	120	
Pennsylvania	95	
Rhode Island	11	
South Carolina	39	
South Dakota	4	
Tennessee	95	
Texas	1358	3
Utah	122	1
Vermont	2	
Virginia	25	
Washington	575	1

Washington, D.C.	14	
Wisconsin	1130	
<b>TOTAL*(48)</b>	<b>7,927 cases</b>	<b>11 deaths</b>
*includes the District of Columbia		
**one case is resident of KY but currently hospitalized in GA.		

## 4. Media Coverage

### Worldwide Update:

- An Australian state hit hardest by the H1N1 virus will carry out mass treatment with anti-viral drugs for people suspected of having so-called swine flu as the country's total number of confirmed cases near-doubled to 61. Health authorities in Victoria, where 33 people have been confirmed with H1N1, said they would open special clinics to relieve hospitals and deal with the outbreak, administering anti-viral drugs to anyone with symptoms. Australian authorities have closed six schools and are trying to trace hundreds passengers from the super-liner Pacific Dawn, who on Tuesday were asked to voluntarily isolate themselves after the ship docked in Sydney with two infected children on board. (Reuters, 5/27/2009)
- Romania identified its first case of the H1N1 flu virus on Wednesday, in a 30-year-old woman who arrived from New York last week, the health minister said. (Reuters, 5/27/2009)

### US Update:

- A Chicago resident has died of swine flu, the first death in Illinois and the 12th nationally, from the illness, health authorities said Monday. The victim in Chicago had other medical conditions, but authorities released no other information about the person (AP, 5/26/2009)
- Eighteen U.S. soldiers in Kuwait have H1N1 flu, the first cases in the Gulf Arab oil-exporting region, a government official has said. "[The soldiers] were confirmed with the virus upon their arrival from their country to the military base [in Kuwait]," Ibrahim al-Abdulhadi told Reuters. (Reuters, 5/24/2009)
- The federal government has asked three drug companies to make enough swine flu vaccine to immunize at least 20 million people in key positions in health care, national security and emergency services, officials said yesterday. Although questions remain unanswered about the effectiveness of a swine flu vaccine, how many doses it will take to protect a person and who should get it, Sebelius said that "we can't wait" for the answers before putting the manufacturing machinery in motion. HHS has contracts with five companies to make pandemic vaccine. The department has activated the ones with Sanofi Pasteur, Novartis and GlaxoSmithKline. It is still negotiating with the two others, MedImmune and CSL, an Australian company. (Washington Post, 5/23/2009)