

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

**April 27, 2009
1930 hrs**

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Massachusetts: NO confirmed cases as of April 27, 2009 at 1600 hrs
New England: NO confirmed cases as of April 27, 2009 at 0800 hrs
National: CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/investigation.htm>
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 3 to a phase 4

Massachusetts Swine Flu Incident Command Actions:

- Conference Call with Local Boards of Health & School Nurses – April 27, 2009
- Conference Call with Hospitals, Community Health Centers and Clinicians – April 27, 2009
- Press availability and press interviews - April 27, 2009
- Update of blog site on MDPH website – April 27, 2009
- Completion and distribution of Swine Flu Fact Sheet
- Completion and distribution of Advisory for Schools and Childcare Settings

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

- Plans to have MA211 line operational for swine flu by Tuesday, April 28, 2009
- Distribution of Notes from Local Board of Health and Hospital/Health Center/Clinician Conference call by close of business Tuesday, April 28, 2009
- Release of Swine Flu Fact Sheets in 6 different languages.
- Meeting and conference call with public safety providers and emergency managers to discuss guidance

For further information go to:

- MDPH at <http://publichealth.blog.state.ma.us/>
- CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>
- WHO at <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>

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