



RiskSmart Tips

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Are you prepared for an Influenza Pandemic?

The US has declared a **Public Health Emergency** – one step below the implementation of its full pandemic response plan. The next few days will clarify the characteristics of the virus and help firm up the projections of potential impact.

Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), confirms that the latest outbreak of Swine Flu in Mexico and parts of United States is a new strain of a humanly transmissible influenza virus, A/H1N1, that has the potential to trigger an influenza pandemic.

Here are some resources that may be useful to you and your employees and family.

Flu Brochure – how to prepare your workforce and business:

<http://healthyamericans.org/reports/flu/brochures/FluBrochure.pdf>

WHO - Swine Flu FAQ:

http://www.who.int/csr/swine_flu/swineflu_qanda_20090425.pdf

WHO – current status on the Pandemic Alert Level:

http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/phase/en/index.html

WHO Epidemic and Pandemic Alert and Response home page:

<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>

CDC Swine Influenza home page:

<http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>

CDC Swine Influenza key facts:

http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/key_facts.htm#humans

CDC travel notices and warning:

<http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/>

State Pandemic Plans - current links:

<http://pandemicflu.gov/plan/stateplans.html>