

INFLUENZA ADVISORY

5 MAY 2009

The current WHO phase of pandemic alert is 5. Phase 5 is characterized by human-to-human spread of the virus in at least two countries in one WHO region. The declaration of Phase 5 is a strong signal that a pandemic is imminent.

INFLUENZA A (H1N1) [Swine Flu]

- There has been one confirmed case of H1N1 Influenza A (Swine Flu) in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.
- Nationally there are reports of 403 cases in 38 states. One death has been reported.
- Globally, 21 countries have officially reported 1240 cases of H1N1 Influenza A (Swine Flu). Mexico has reported the majority of cases, 590 laboratory confirmed cases, including 25 deaths (*as of 5 May 2009*).

AVIAN INFLUENZA

- Since 2003, there have been 421 human cases of avian influenza in 15 countries. Of that number, there have been 257 deaths.

SEASONAL INFLUENZA

- For the week ending 25 April 2009, the level of influenza activity for the state of Oklahoma was reported as **SPORADIC**. The percentage of patients meeting the ILI criteria for the state decreased from 0.8% (22/2871) the previous week to 0.5% (16/3283).
- Weekly US Map of Influenza activity: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/WeeklyFluActivityMap.htm>

LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Tulsa Health Department continues to monitor the H1N1 Influenza A [Swine Flu] situation and will continue to use all avenues of the media to transmit information to the community.
- Visit www.tulsabiowatch.com to see countywide surveillance reports.



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