



NMHA Receives Briefing from NM Department of Health Re: Swine Flu Protocol

- Current lab testing algorithm as distributed in the April 28, 2009 *Health Alert will remain in effect until such time that New Mexico gets a confirmed case. At that time there will be a revised case definition which will be distributed via the **Health Alert Network (HAN). NMDOH reported that the current protocol to be used by New Mexico hospitals should be [CDC's Guidance for Clinicians on Identifying and Caring for Patients with Swine-origin Influenza A \(H1N1\) Virus Infection](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/identifyingpatients.htm). (<http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/identifyingpatients.htm>)
- NMDOH anticipates that primers for Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing will be released by the end of the week. They will issue a notice through the HAN.
- NMDOH has a new swine flu webpage to direct providers and institutions: http://www.health.state.nm.us/FLU/seasonal/swine_flu.html

Public Communication/Media

Any media requests received by hospitals can be funneled through NMDOH PIO for review and referred back to the hospital PIO to ensure coordinated and like messaging.

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Other Suggested Resources/links:

- [NMHA Hospital Emergency Preparedness](http://www.nmhanet.org/quality/emergency-preparedness/additional-resources-1) (<http://www.nmhanet.org/quality/emergency-preparedness/additional-resources-1>) & Swine Flu Updates
(<http://www.nmhanet.org/quality/emergency-preparedness/Notice%20to%20NM%204-28-09.pdf>)
- [NM Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management](http://www.nmdhsem.org/content.asp?CustComKey=270416&CategoryKey=272193&pn=Page&DomName=nmdhsem.org)
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- [State of New Mexico All-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan July 2007 PDF VERSION](http://nmdhsem.org/cms/kunde/rts/nmdhsemorg/docs/1031722653-07-19-2007-12-40-17.pdf)
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- [NM DOH PANDEMIC ANNEX](http://www.health.state.nm.us/ohem/pandemic_plan.html) (http://www.health.state.nm.us/ohem/pandemic_plan.html)

For current information consult the CDC website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>. For general information questions about swine flu, call the state's **Swine Influenza Hotline at 1-866-850-5893**. People who have symptoms may call **the Nurse Advice New Mexico at 1-877-725-2552**.

Other General Swine Flu info for the public and Clinicians go to: [Swine Flu General Info](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/general_info.htm)
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*Health Alerts and the **Health Alert Network (HAN)

Health alerts are messages from the New Mexico Department of Health that contain important information for responding to a health emergency. They are provided by the Office of Epidemiology and Centers for

Disease Control on a variety of topics and are targeted to health care providers and public health professionals.

There are four types of messages that come from the Health Alert Network (HAN):

ALERT: Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.

ADVISORY: Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.

UPDATE: Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

TEST: Tests the alerting system technologies, the ability to reach the intended recipients, or provides simulated alerts for exercise purposes.

If you have questions about the Health Alert Network, please contact the HAN at

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