H1N1 (formerly known as Swine Flu) Resources
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H1N1 is a rapidly changing issue. In order to keep on top of the latest news and information, we have compiled the following list of resources and encourage you to check these sources frequently for updates.

CMS survey guidance and tracking tools to observe signs of H1N1. The guidance states that during the survey process, surveyors should look for the following:

For H1N1 (swine flu) information, check the Minnesota Department of Health’s H1N1 novel influenza website at http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/h1n1/index.html. This website will provide Minnesota-specific updates, directives for providers, and additional resources regarding the outbreak.

The latest “What’s New” information on influenza (seasonal, H1N1, etc.) from MDH can be viewed here:
http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/new.html

Information on specimen collection and testing for H1N1 novel influenza can be found here:
http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/h1n1/hcp/testing.html

For Interim Guidance on Use of Minnesota Antiviral Stockpile for Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infection, click here: http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/h1n1/hcp/antiviralrecsa.html

Resources providing infection control information and guidance for health professionals is found here:
http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/h1n1/hcp/ic.html

Suspect, probable, and confirmed case definitions, screening forms, and specimen collection and testing information can be viewed here: http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/h1n1/hcp/case.html

For information on healthcare providers across the state who are monitoring seasonal influenza, click here: http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/hcp/sentinel.html

For MEDIA updates from the Minnesota Department of Health, click here:
http://www.health.state.mn.us/news/h1n1.html

For a sample Facility/Community Press Release or Response regarding H1N1 Influenza, click here: http://www.careproviders.org/members/2009/SampleInfluenzaPressReleaseorResponse.doc

AHCA/NCAL has created a page showing the latest information and updates for long-term care providers: http://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/clinical_practice/Pages/SwineFlu.aspx

Other resources/links that providers might access as this particular flu progresses include:

FREE SILVERCHAIR Learning Influenza Prevention Web Based Course:
http://freecourses.silverchairlearning.com/flucourse/
Google has an interesting map showing where there have been suspected and confirmed cases of the H1N1 novel influenza, the may be viewed here:
http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&t=p&msa=0&msid=106484775090296685271.0004681a37b713f6b5950&ll=25.085599,-105.029297&spn=23.745574,35.15625&z=4&source=embed

The CDC also has a page showing current data regarding the H1N1 novel influenza transmission locations, viewed at http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/index.htm. A guide for infection control for care of patients with confirmed (or suspected) H1N1 in a health care setting, can be viewed here:
http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidelines_infection_control.htm

Influenza A (H1N1) information from the World Health Organization (WHO):

Cover Your Mouth & Wash Your Hands poster:
http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/dtopics/infectioncontrol/cover/hcp/hcpposter.html

STOP! Help Protect our Residents Poster:
http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/dtopics/infectioncontrol/cover/hcp/stopres.html

Standard Precautions, Respiratory Hygiene, and Cough Etiquette During an Influenza Pandemic:
http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/avian/hcp/standard.html