

**UNCLASSIFIED//****Subject:** USNORTHCOM FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION 09-114 - SWINE INFLUENZA//**Originator:** USNORTHCOM JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER(UC)**DTG:** 242200Z Apr 09 **Precedence:** ROUTINE **DAC:** General

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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. (U) USNORTHCOM IS PUBLISHING THIS FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION ADVISORY IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS WITH REGARD TO A SWINE FLU INCIDENTS IN THE USNORTHCOM AOR. REQUEST WIDEST DISSEMINATION POSSIBLE TO ALL COMMANDS, UNITS, AGENCIES, FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL.

2. (U) USNORTHCOM FORCE PROTECTION CONDITIONS.

2.A. (U) FPCON BASELINE FOR THE USNORTHCOM AOR, TO INCLUDE THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES REMAINS UNCHANGED AT FPCON ALPHA.

2.B. (U) FPCON BASELINE FOR MEXICO REMAINS UNCHANGED AT FPCON BRAVO.

2.C. (U) USNORTHCOM IS NOT CONSIDERING AN FPCON BASELINE CHANGE AT THIS TIME.

3. (U) A NOVEL VIRUS STRAIN OF HUMAN SWINE INFLUENZA HAS BEEN CONFIRMED IN THE USNORTHCOM AOR. CDC HAS DETERMINED THIS NOVEL STRAIN IS NOT A PANDEMIC AT THIS TIME. AS OF 241600ZAPR09 THERE HAVE BEEN EIGHT CONFIRMED CASES OF THIS STRAIN IN THE UNITED STATES (SIX IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND TWO IN SAN ANTONIO, TX). SIXTEEN ADDITIONAL SUSPECT CASES ARE AWAITING SAMPLE ANALYSIS IN CALIFORNIA.

3.A. (U) THERE IS ALSO AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CASES WITH FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS AND/OR PNEUMONIA REPORTED FROM MEXICO. THE SEVERITY OF SYMPTOMS AND/OR FATALITY RATES FROM MEXICO HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED, BUT 23 OF 65 SAMPLES FROM MEXICO SUBMITTED TO CDC OR CANADIAN NATIONAL MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY ARE CONFIRMED AS SWINE FLU. AT LEAST ONE OF THE POSITIVE SAMPLES IS ASSOCIATED WITH A DEATH.

3.B. (U) CALIFORNIA, TEXAS, AND FEDERAL (CDC AND USDA) HEALTH AUTHORITIES ARE CONTINUING EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS WITH INCREASED MEDICAL/HEALTH SURVEILLANCE EFFORTS.

3.C. (U) CURRENT DETAILS OF THIS EVENT CAN BE FOUND AT

[HTTP://WWW.CDC.GOV/FLU/SWINE/INVESTIGATION.HTM](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/swine/investigation.htm)

4. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

4.A. (U) MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITIES SHOULD INCREASE SURVEILLANCE FOR FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS, REVIEW LOCAL PANDEMIC INFLUENZA RESPONSE PLANS AND REVIEW INFECTION CONTROL PRACTICES.

4.B. (U) INDIVIDUALS CAN PRACTICE THESE SIMPLE PROCEDURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INFECTION:

4.B.1. (U) HAND WASHING WITH SOAP AND WARM OR HOT WATER. COLD WATER IS NOT AS EFFECTIVE FOR KILLING GERMS. IF SOAP AND WATER ARE NOT AVAILABLE, USE AN ALCOHOL-BASED HAND SANITIZER.

4.B.2. (U) COVER YOUR NOSE AND MOUTH WHEN YOU COUGH OR SNEEZE.

4.B.3. (U) AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE OR MOUTH.

4.B.4. (U) AVOID CLOSE CONTACT WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK.

4.B.5. (U) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE BY REVIEWING PANDEMIC FLU - A GUIDE FOR SERVICE MEMBERS AND FAMILIES AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PLANNING: A GUIDE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES. THESE REFERENCES CAN BE FOUND AT

[HTTP://FHP.OSD.MIL/AIWATCHBOARD/PDF/FLU\\_TRIFOLD\\_JAN2007.PDF](http://fhp.osd.mil/aiwatchboard/pdf/flu_trifold_jan2007.pdf) AND

[HTTP://WWW.PANDEMICFLU.GOV/PLAN/PDF/GUIDE.PDF](http://www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/pdf/guide.pdf)

5. (U) THOSE WITH FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS SHOULD STAY HOME FROM WORK, SCHOOL AND SOCIAL GATHERINGS. THIS CAN HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INFECTION. CONSULT YOUR HEALTH

CARE PROVIDER IF FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS DEVELOP, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE PERSONNEL AT A HIGHER RISK FOR COMPLICATIONS OF THE FLU. MILITARY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES SHOULD REPORT SUSPECTED CASES OF SWINE FLU THROUGH THEIR ESTABLISHED SERVICE REPORTING SYSTEMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. (U) PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTURE.

6.A. (U) THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTURE RELATED TO THIS FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION MESSAGE IS ACTIVE, ACKNOWLEDGING DOD RECOMMENDED ACTIONS CONTAINED IN THIS MESSAGE.

6.B. (U) INSTALLATIONS SHOULD USE INTERNAL COMMUNICATION TOOLS TO DISTRIBUTE PRECAUTIONARY INFORMATION TO SERVICE MEMBERS, FAMILY MEMBERS, GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND DOD CONTRACTORS. THE CDC WEBSITE REFERENCED IN PARA 3.C. SHOULD BE THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

6.C. (U) ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING DOD INVOLVEMENT IN ASSISTING FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL AGENCIES SHOULD BE REFERRED WITHOUT COMMENT TO THE USNORTHCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE AT (719) 554-6889 OR THE ON-CALL USNORTHCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER AT (719) 330-5169.

7. (U) THE POC FOR THIS FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION ADVISORY IS USNORTHCOM/J34 RISK MANAGEMENT BRANCH AT (719) 554-3897 OR 8307 OR DSN 692-3897 OR 8307. EMAIL ADDRESS IS NC.J34.RM.OMB@NORTHCOM.(SMIL).MIL OR USNORTHCOM COMMAND SURGEON AT (719) 554-8153. EMAIL ADDRESS IS NC.SG.OMB@NORTHCOM.(SMIL).MIL.

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