



Health and Healthy Living
Deputy Minister

Room 327 Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3C 0V8

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to provide you with information and advice for your organization's circulation and action, on the **human swine influenza**.

To date, there have been no reported cases of severe respiratory illness associated with human swine flu in Manitoba. The attached April 27, 2009 letter from Dr. Joel Kettner, Chief Provincial Public Health Officer, has already been sent to some organizations. If you have not already received or taken action in response to this letter, you are asked to share this information within your organization. Also, for your information, is a copy of 'Frequently Asked Questions' for swine flu and copies of two brochures, 'Cover Your Cough' and 'Hand Hygiene'.

As we continue to monitor events within and outside of Manitoba, I would ask your organization to take the precautionary step of preparing for a range of scenarios that could result from the swine flu outbreak and could ultimately affect the running of your organization.

You are encouraged to review your preparedness for business continuity. Guidelines are available for government, education and business settings at the following website: www.gov.mb.ca/influenza/pandemic. Please refer to the one(s) that are most appropriate to your organization. These guidelines are designed to prepare for a pandemic influenza and although a pandemic has not been declared, they will be useful to plan for the current situation. There is also additional information about human swine flu on the human swine flu website at www.manitoba.ca.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to this notice. If you have questions with regard to organizational preparedness I would invite you to contact Manitoba Health and Healthy Living at 1-866-351-3180 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. For personal advice on self-care or when to seek further care, Manitobans can phone Health Links – Info Santé at any time at 788-8200 or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officers

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