



Swine Flu/H1N1

Employee Update

May 8, 2009

- Southwest Health District partially deactivated our Swine Flu H1N1 Emergency Operations today at noon. The change reflects the scale-down in activities on the state level.
- There are no more scheduled Incident Objectives, Updates or District-wide conference calls involving this outbreak.
- A smaller group will continue to monitor the outbreak over the weekend and will communicate by phone Monday. If things change, the EOC can be reactivated to appropriate levels quickly.
- The state Public Health Lab will not be conducting H1N1 testing this weekend. It will resume on Monday. If providers have specimens (swabs in VTM) from hospitalized patients that meet testing criteria, they should store them at 4 degrees C refrigeration until Monday. (Do not freeze.)
- We received results back on five of our 13 outstanding specimens at the state Public Health Laboratory, and they were all negative for Swine Flu H1N1. We now have eight specimens pending at the state lab. The District has shipped out no new specimens for testing. There continue to be no cases of H1N1 confirmed in our District.
- As of Thursday at 4 p.m., Georgia continued to report four confirmed H1N1 cases, although the number of possible cases climbed to seven.
- Information on H1N1 continues to be available online at www.southwestgeorgiapublichealth.org or www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/.