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Swine Flu: CDC Investigates Human Cases

Dear Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) Partner,

As you may have heard, there have been confirmed cases of swine flu in people in the U.S. and Mexico. As this situation unfolds, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is committed to providing information to its partners, so that they can stay informed and communicate accurate information about this viral illness to their constituents.

CDC is working closely with state and local health departments as well as with health officials in Mexico, Canada and the World Health Organization to investigate the human cases of swine influenza. It is important to communicate that there is no human influenza pandemic at this time, but preparation and planning for pandemic influenza is critical. Your organization plays a key role in this effort.

To assist you in your efforts, CDC has developed the following sets of materials and resources:

* Interim Guidance on Antiviral Recommendations for Patients with Confirmed or Suspected Swine Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infection and Close Contacts <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/recommendations.htm>

* CDC Swine Flu Investigation Update Web page <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/investigation.htm> (All new guidance will be posted here)

* MMWR Dispatch (April 24) - Update: Swine Influenza A (H1N1) Infections --- California and Texas, April 2009 <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm58d0424a1.htm>

* CDC Briefing on Public Health Investigation of Human Cases of Swine Influenza - April 24th at 2:30PM ET <http://www.cdc.gov/media/transcripts/2009/t090424.htm>

* A Swine Flu video podcast <http://www2a.cdc.gov/podcasts/player.asp?f=11226>

* You can also follow swine flu information on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/cdcemergency>).

NOTE: If you are unable to access the links, please copy and paste it into your browser.

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