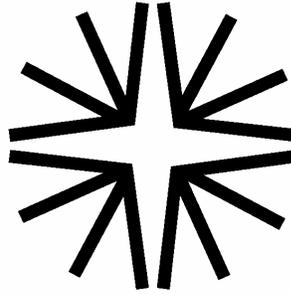


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SWINE INFLUENZA A(H1N1) EADRCC REPORT No. 2

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1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC has invited nations to share information on national measures taken to prepare for the possibility of a swine influenza pandemic.

2. General Situation

2.1. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) the situation continues to evolve rapidly. As of 06:00 GMT, 1 May 2009, 11 countries have officially reported 331 cases of influenza A(H1N1) infection. Further and updated information is available on the WHO webpage at www.who.int.

2.2. The following countries have reported laboratory confirmed cases with no deaths - Austria (1), Canada (34), Germany (3), Israel (2), Netherlands (1), New Zealand (3), Spain (13), Switzerland (1) and the United Kingdom (8).

3. Summary of measures taken by nations.

3.1. Albania is taking necessary measures to keep control Swine flu. No cases have been confirmed.

3.2. Azerbaijan. No cases have been reported. The Government (State Commission against Pandemic) has held a meeting in Council of Ministries on appropriate preventive measures against outbreak. There are enough antivirals in Ministry of Health drug warehouses. Recommendations from MoH is provided to public. Public awareness campaign is ongoing.



3.3. None individual case of swine flu has been officially confirmed in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Competent authorities at all levels are monitoring situation, carry out prevention preparedness measures (public information at major public places- airports, etc.) and share information.

3.4. The National Board of Health has issued guidelines to the municipalities and the regions in Denmark (The latter are responsible for the administration of the Danish public hospitals). These guidelines emphasize that the municipalities must prepare for the event of a pandemic, which, among others, includes providing capacity for older patients in nursing homes in the event of extraordinary discharges from hospitals. Likewise, the regions are required to ensure capacity for treatment at both GP's and hospitals, and to provide information on hygiene and countermeasures against infection. As of 30 April 2009, approximately 1800 units of Tamiflu has been issued from the Danish pharmacies to citizens. There is no indication that this is due to hoarding, as those receiving Tamiflu in general are either people of poor health or people travelling abroad. The National Board of Health is issuing posters and flyers to airports with information for passengers in Danish and English. The National Board of Health has also made numerous media appearances to explain the consequences of going to phase 5 to the general public. No cases of H1N1 infection have been found as of yet in Denmark.

3.5. In Hungary there are no travel restrictions yet. Fifth pandemic level was introduced according to the measures of WHO. The Hungarian Governmental Coordination Committee (KKB) gave a hearing to the report of the Health Ministry. 3 suspicious cases have been identified and examined according to National Health and Medical Officer Service (ÁNTSZ); out of which one was excluded, in the other case suspicion was false, third person is being examined. For the reception of potential patients, regional medical officers have selected one hospital with infection room and pharmacy in each region. According to the National Flu Pandemic Plan 4, fifth level contact point from the National Directorate General from Disaster Management (NDGDM) has been identified, who keeps contact with the Office of the National Chief Medical Officer in order to discuss tasks, which need the cooperation of ÁNTSZ and NDGDM. National Chief Medical Officer has initiated that KKB orders each ministries to be ready for the implementation of tasks, included in their in their flu pandemic plans, and for the specification of plans, if needed. It is not needed yet for the Emergency Centre to be activated.

3.6. In the Netherlands there has been diagnosed only one case, a 3 year old Mexican child arriving from Mexico on Monday the 27th of April by air. The child is in a relatively good condition. The authorities are trying to protect other air-passengers on that flight with Tamiflu (more than four million doses on stock).

3.7. In Switzerland according to the SITREP of the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) as per 30 April 2009, 1500 hours there are 1 confirmed case (according to PCR analysis) and 29 unconfirmed cases. Frequent questions/answer issued by FOPH as per 30 April 2009, 1200 hours.

3.8. As at 17.00hrs on 30th April 2009 a total of 8 cases have been confirmed in the United Kingdom. The Health Protection Agency has identified that one patient has been in



close contact with 50 fellow pupils and other close contacts. As a precaution, antivirals have been given to a total of 230 children in the school - the entire school year. The head teacher, on the advice of the HPA, has decided that the school will be closed from today for seven days including the weekend. The authorities have been preparing for this situation for the last five years. In particular, a stockpile of the antiviral drugs Tamiflu and Relenza to cover 33 million people have been built up. Both these drugs have proved effective in relieving the symptoms of those who have been infected. The Government is taking steps to increase this stockpile to provide for 50 million people. To keep the public informed, a mass public health campaign has begun with print, TV and radio adverts. The adverts will warn the public about swine flu and remind people to cover their noses and mouths with tissues when they cough and sneeze and then throw the tissue away and wash their hands.

3.9. To prevent the swine flu coming to Ukraine there were organized medical checks for people in the airport coming from countries that have proved cases of swine flu. The duty service of the Ministry of Emergencies (MOE) of Ukraine has been augmented by the operational group (headed by the Medical Department representative) dealing with the issue of a swine flu. Structural units of the MOE have been instructed on the activities to inform, prevent and fight the swine flu outbreak. Public information campaign has been launched.

4. Information sharing

4.1. NATO Allies and Partner nations are invited to provide updated information to the EADRCC on national measures taken to prepare for the possibility of a swine influenza pandemic.

4.2. The EADRCC reports will be distributed by fax and e-mail and posted on the password protected CEP website.

5. The Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre can be reached in the following ways:

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