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To: EMS Medical Directors
EMS Agencies

From: Oregon Public Health Division
Agency Operations Center



The Oregon Public Health Division (OPHD) has activated its Agency Operations Center. The AOC is following state and national information and updates closely.

I'm sure that you have all taken a few minutes to review your screening and isolation protocols. If not, please review your protocols with your staff.

You may also want to post the following Case definition and visual infection control prevention measures:

If you are seeing a patient with febrile respiratory illness:

- Consider Swine Flu in the differential diagnosis of any patient with fever of $>37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($>100^{\circ}\text{F}$) AND cough, sore throat, rhinorrhea or nasal congestion:
 - Who has traveled to an area where there are confirmed cases of swine influenza within 7 days of suspect case's illness onset. **OR**
 - Who was a close contact to a confirmed case of swine influenza while the case was ill **OR**
 - Who has a history of recent contact with an animal with confirmed or suspected swine influenza.
- Use personal protective equipment when attending suspected swine flu cases:
 - Surgical mask
 - Gloves
 - Gown
- Notify the receiving facility that you are transporting a patient using isolation protocols.

Additionally, CDC has released “**Interim Guidance for Cleaning Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Transport Vehicles during an Influenza Pandemic**” at the following website:

http://www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/healthcare/cleaning_ems.html

For more information, call Public Health Epidemiology at 971-673-1111.

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