



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 09 – 16

**IMPLEMENTING THE STATE RESPONSE TO PANDEMIC H1N1
INFLUENZA**

Pandemic H1N1 influenza (once referred to as “swine flu”), a new flu virus that causes respiratory illness in people, is widespread throughout Oregon. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) first detected the H1N1 virus in the United States in April 2009. In June 2009, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared that an H1N1 pandemic is underway, which means this infectious disease is spreading among people throughout the world. Since September 1, 2009, Oregon has experienced 128 hospitalizations and five deaths as a result of H1N1 influenza.

Pandemic H1N1 flu symptoms are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, runny or stuffy nose, headache, nausea, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting due to pandemic H1N1 flu. The pandemic H1N1 virus spreads the same way seasonal influenza viruses spread—mainly from person to person through coughing and sneezing by people with the flu. Sometimes people may become infected by touching something with flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, nose or eyes.

In Oregon, the Department of Human Services (DHS) Public Health Division is taking the lead on providing official state guidance in response to pandemic H1N1 flu; however, each state agency can and must support this effort. To that end, this Order directs all state agencies to (1) use their websites to provide the public with accurate information about pandemic H1N1 flu; (2) prepare for pandemic H1N1 flu contingencies through business continuity planning; (3) advise employees to remain at home while exhibiting flu-like symptoms; (4) encourage vaccination of priority groups; and (5) work with federal and local government partners to promote these measures statewide.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. On or before October 31, 2009, each state agency shall update its website to include a prominent link to the Department of Human Services website, www.flu.oregon.gov, where the public can obtain facts about H1N1 influenza.



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2. As soon as possible, all state agencies shall amend their business continuity plans to address the agency's contingency plan during this pandemic H1N1 influenza outbreak. Plans shall describe procedures that will be followed if this outbreak causes disruption, so that agencies can restore critical services as quickly as possible.

3. The Department of Administrative Services (DAS), in cooperation with DHS Public Health Division, shall lead a statewide coordination effort to provide state agencies with policy guidance and direction regarding the current outbreak of the H1N1 flu virus. DAS will advise state employees, in accordance with state policy and collective bargaining agreements, to remain at home if they exhibit flu-like symptoms. State agencies shall implement DAS policies on an expedited basis.

4. All state agencies shall encourage priority groups to obtain both the seasonal and H1N1 influenza vaccinations as soon as possible. The following groups of people have been identified as priority groups by the CDC and the State of Oregon:

- a. Everyone aged 6 months to 24 years;
- b. Pregnant women;
- c. People caring for, or living with infants, under 6 months of age;
- d. People aged 25-64 with underlying medical conditions (such as asthma, immune deficiencies, etc.); and
- e. Health care workers, emergency medical responders and frontline law enforcement and public safety workers.

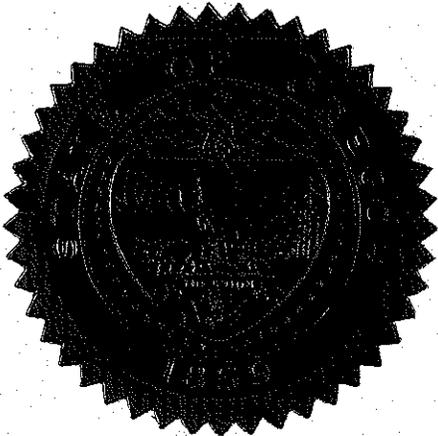
5. All state agencies shall work with their federal, county, city, special district, and school district partners to promote an effective response to pandemic H1N1 influenza statewide, by directing those partners to utilize their websites to direct the public to facts about pandemic H1N1 influenza at www.flu.oregon.gov, create H1N1 business continuity plans, implement clear workplace policies, and promote the vaccination of priority groups.

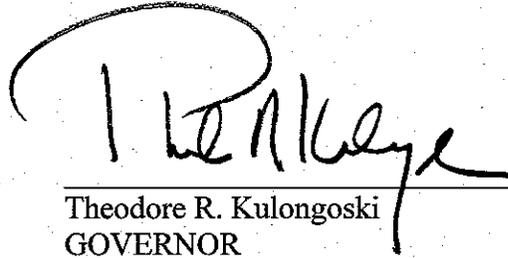
6. This Order expires on July 1, 2010.



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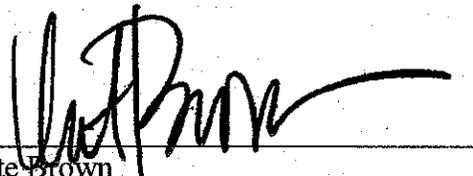
Done at Salem, Oregon this 14th day of October, 2009.





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