

Health Advisory: Exercise - H8N4 Confirmed in Minnesota Resident

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This is an exercise. Some actions are real – others are pretend. Please read carefully.

Action Steps:

Local and tribal health departments: Please *actually* forward to your contacts at hospitals, clinics, urgent care centers, long-term care, EMS, and Coalition Members in **Big Stone, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Swift, and Yellow Medicine** counties.

Hospitals, clinics, urgent care, and long-term care: Please *pretend* to distribute to health care providers who treat patients with flu-like symptoms.

EMS: Please *pretend* to forward to ambulance services in your jurisdiction.

Southwest Healthcare Coalition Members: *Actually* refer to your Communication Exercise Tracking Sheet.

Health care providers (pretend activities):

- Ask about recent travel among patients who present with an illness compatible with influenza.
- Use standard, contact, and airborne precautions for management of patients with suspected novel influenza.
- Report suspected cases and contact MDH at 1-877-676-5414 (toll-free) or 651-201-5414 with questions.

A Minnesota resident has tested positive for a novel strain of Influenza: H8N4. That test has been confirmed by CDC. The patient has recovered.

Find additional information about influenza on Influenza Information for Health Professionals (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/hcp/index.html>).

A copy of this HAN is available in PDF and Word format at www.health.state.mn.us/han/.

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