

**THIS IS A FAXSTREAM ALERT FROM THE
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**PLEASE DISTRIBUTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
TO ALL PHARMACISTS IN YOUR EMPLOYMENT**

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**H1N1 INFLUENZA 09 (HUMAN SWINE INFLUENZA)
ALERT AT 1900 7 MAY 2009
(New information is in bold)**

PANDEMIC ALERT LEVEL: 5 (Human-to-human spread in two countries in one WHO region).

AUSTRALIAN ALERT LEVEL: AUS Phase DELAY (focus on delaying the entry of the virus to Australia; enhanced vigilance for cases domestically, and increased monitoring of the virus).

KEY MESSAGES FOR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS

Public Health only needs to know about patients with influenza-like illnesses if they have travelled to Mexico, Canada or the United States within 7 days of developing symptoms. All other patients should be treated as usual. Contact Public Health if a person who has travelled to Mexico, Canada or the United States of America presents with a flu like illness (fever and cough or sore throat or nasal symptoms) **before** carrying out testing. Phone 1800 137 450 during working hours, or the Public Health After Hours Mobile (0408 532 708). **Note this 1800 number has been established specifically for, for health professionals. Do not provide this 1800 number to patients or the public. The contact number for the public is 1800 358 362 (1800 FLU DOC).**

CASE DEFINITION IS UNCHANGED

INCUBATION PERIOD: up to 7 days, usually 3 days.

PRESCRIBING ANTIVIRAL MEDICATION FOR INFLUENZA

Public Health has received advice from Roche that the current supplies of Tamiflu are very limited within Tasmania as well as the remainder of Australia. We appreciate your support in ensuring that Tamiflu supplies are preserved for suspected or confirmed cases of H1N1 Influenza A 2009 (Human Swine Influenza).

ACCESS TO PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) FOR H1N1 INFLUENZA 09

Documentation included on page 3. (Note: The attached information forwarded to medical practitioners is provided to pharmacists for your information)

UPDATE ON SUSPECTED AND CONFIRMED CASES AT 1600 HOURS 7 May 2009

- There are no confirmed cases in Australia.
- **There are no suspected cases in Tasmania.**

H1N1 Human Swine Flu had been ruled out in the two persons referred to in the previous Faxstream Alert (number 8).