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Swine Flu Briefing 06 – 02-03/05/2009

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Current Situation:

Mexico: 101 suspected deaths - 19 confirmed

US: One death, 160 confirmed cases

New Zealand: 4 confirmed, 12 probable cases

Canada: 35 confirmed cases

UK, Spain: 15 confirmed cases

Germany: 4 confirmed cases

France, Israel, Costa Rica: 2 confirmed cases

Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria, Denmark, Hong Kong, South Korea, Italy,

Irish Republic: 1 confirmed case

The spread of H1N1 does not appear to be increasing, indeed at this stage there appears to be a decline. Dr Michael Ryan of the WHO has said that there was "no evidence of sustained community spread outside of North America". However he did add that "At the present time I would still propose that a pandemic is imminent because we see the disease spread"

There are reports being given (as of 05:30 UK time) that a friend of the Falkirk couple who were the first to be diagnosed has shown signs and would therefore be the first person in the UK to have caught the disease without having visited Mexico.

Canada has announced that a herd of pigs has tested positive for swine flu.
Egypt has begun the mass slaughter of pig.

In the USA supplies of anti-virals from the Strategic National Stockpile are being sent to all 50 states and U.S. territories to help them respond to the outbreak. In addition, the Federal Government and manufacturers have begun the process of developing a vaccine against this new virus.

So is it all hype?

We are already starting to see that the media is getting bored with the story as the spread seems to be slowing. Questions are being asked about over reaction in Mexico and especially in the WHO.



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I have had quite a few questions from subscribers about my opinion on this and my view is that the WHO went to 5 too early. The spread as it appears at present and from the information available, did not meet the criteria directly for such a move.

The big danger is that if this is not the pandemic we have all been expecting then we will have great difficulty getting people geared up a second time if, as more and more sources suggest, we actually see it autumn/winter of this year.

Future Briefings

From Monday all briefings will be available at our website:

www.glenabbot.co.uk

I get a considerable amount of feedback and questions from these briefings and am happy to get them! Hopefully over the next few days I will be able to make this a more interactive process so that you can interact with me and each other.

My thanks to Continuity Shop for the use of their office in Shanghai.

If you would like to contact me by phone my mobile number in China is 0086 15821109366. Use www.telediscount.com to phone that number at a penny a minute.

Training

We provide specific pandemic training courses both publicly and bespoke to companies. If you are interested please contact me directly or email Geoff Howard at Continuity Shop (ghoward@continuityshop.com).

We can also help organisation review or create plans so if you need any assistance please contact me via this email or Andrew Sinclair on Andrew.sinclair@glenabbot.co.uk. Our office number is 01738 580580.

Yours sincerely



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