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Swine Flu Briefing 08 – 05/05/2009

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Current Situation:

21 countries have officially reported 1124 cases of influenza A (H1N1) infection.

Mexico has reported 590 laboratory confirmed human cases of infection, including 25 deaths. The United States has reported 286 laboratory confirmed human cases, including one death.

The following countries have reported laboratory confirmed cases with no deaths - Austria (1), Canada (140), China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1), Costa Rica (1), Colombia (1), Denmark (1), El Salvador (2), France (4), Germany (8), Ireland (1), Israel (4), Italy (2), Netherlands (1), New Zealand (6), Portugal (1), Republic of Korea (1), Spain (54), Switzerland (1) and the United Kingdom (18).

The WHO said authorities should remain on alert. The current "round of activity" might have peaked, WHO official Gregory Hartl said, but that did not mean it was over.

"There is a high possibility that this virus will come back, especially in colder periods," he said. (As I said in earlier briefings there is increasing support for October onwards)

WHO advises no restriction of regular travel or closure of borders.

In the UK has risen to 27. Five schools have been closed, three in London, one in Devon and one in south Gloucestershire, after pupils showed symptoms of H1N1.

From Tuesday, all homes in the UK are set to receive a leaflet stressing the importance of good hygiene in preventing the spread of swine flu. The key actions to follow are:

- Use clean tissues when you cough or sneeze
- Bin tissues after use
- Wash hands with soap, hot water or gel.

Government Advice to Businesses

Here is some of the advice being issued to businesses by the Scottish Government which is a good summary of pandemic planning:

Your Business

To reduce the impact of these potential problems businesses will need to ensure that they have:

- Identified critical activities that must be maintained and, by implication, what work could be deferred
- Identified the resources needed to deliver these, particularly staff
- Considered both the number of staff and which specialist skills, knowledge or authority are required
- Made available the information required by those staff who might be required to deputise for others
- Put in place arrangements so changes in work priorities can be implemented and resources realigned, in order to maintain critical activities
- Put in place arrangements to maintain good communications with staff, customers and suppliers

Your suppliers

Businesses should consider the effect of staff absences on the suppliers and subcontractors on which they depend. Staff absences in suppliers may affect the services they are able to provide and the availability of some raw materials.

Your staff - absences

Staff who have flu-like symptoms and have come back from Mexico or another country affected by Influenza A/H1N1, should stay at home and contact their GP or NHS24 on 08454 24 24 24. If they have flu-like symptoms and have been in close contact with a probable or confirmed case of Influenza A/H1N1 they should stay at home and contact their GP or NHS24 as above. If someone has returned from Mexico or another country affected by Influenza A/H1N1 and does not have flu-like symptoms, they do not need to stay off and work and need take no further action.

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 (goward@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.

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