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## Public Health Officials Continues Plan Activation Clinical, Visitor, Travel and Surveillance Monitoring Protocols Effective

Guam continues to have 4 confirmed cases with the Influenza A H1N1 virus. Home isolation found effective and all have recovered completely without any complications and are doing well at this time.

In accordance with the Guam Pandemic Influenza Plan, Public Health, in conjunction with partners from Guam Homeland Security, first responders, the medical and visitor industry, continues to implement their plans accordingly to notify, monitor and treat influenza like illnesses. Phone trees continues to be in effect, as well as activating public health community outreach nurses and surveillance teams to follow up on suspect cases, as well as issuing health alert cards to travelers by the Guam Customs and Quarantine. As clinically determined, lab specimens will continue to be sent for confirmation to a off-island state laboratory and DPHSS will notify the patient and island community when results are available.

Health officials will be meeting with GPSS this week to review their plans, provide training to school principals, and discuss vaccine distribution prior to the opening of the school year.

Island residents can take a shared responsibility by covering your cough and sneeze with a tissue and throw it away, wash your hands with warm water and soap regularly, and if needed, use a alcohol base hand sanitizer. If you are sick, island residents are advised to stay home and get well, contact their doctor, and avoid unnecessary travel.

For more information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control Website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), the Department of Public Health and Social Services website at [www.dphss.guam.gov](http://www.dphss.guam.gov) or Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense website at [www.guamhs.org](http://www.guamhs.org). You may also call the Information Line at 735-H1N1 (4161).