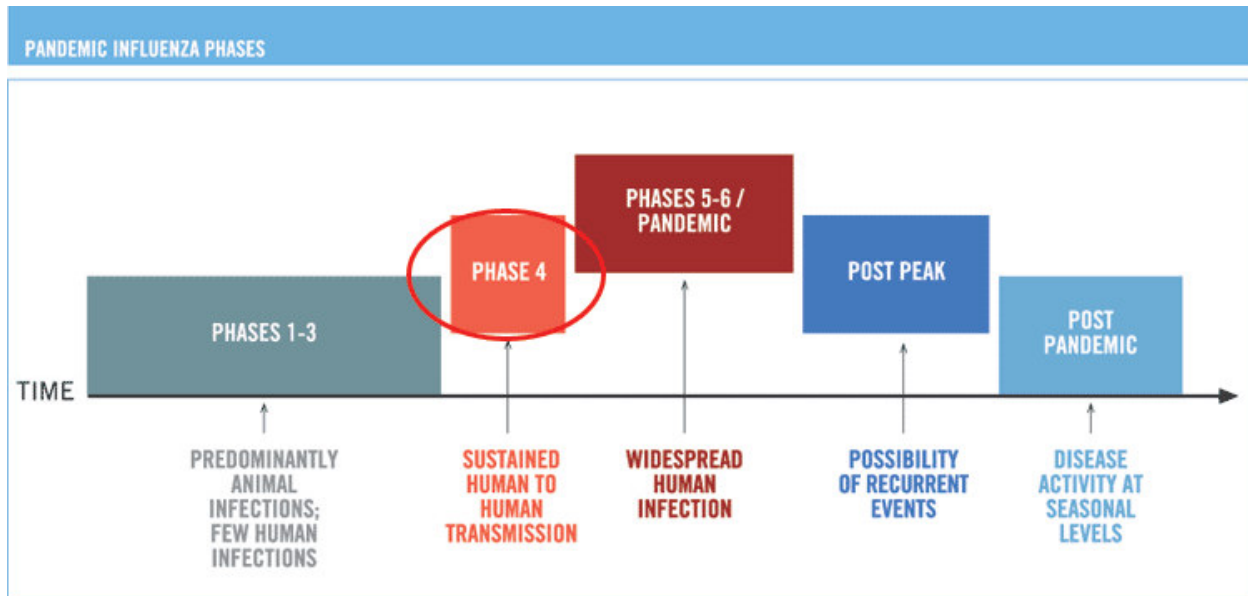




GMS Daily Update as of April 29, 2009 (8:30 AM)

Current WHO Pandemic Alert Phase: 4



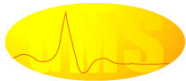
Current Situation

The human swine flu outbreak continues to grow in the United States and internationally. Additional reports of new cases of swine influenza have been confirmed, a number of hospitalizations of swine flu patients have occurred, and President Obama has verified the first swine flu death outside of Mexico, in a 23-month-old child in Texas.

Current Laboratory Confirmed Cases (As of April 29th 8:00 AM PST)

Swine Flu Cases by Country (as of April 29th 0800 hours PST)

Country	Cases*	Deaths	
	Lab Confirmed	Lab Confirmed	Suspected
Mexico	26	7	159
US	91	1	0
Canada	13	0	0
UK	5	0	0
Spain	4	0	0
New Zealand	3	0	0
Germany	3	0	0
Israel	2	0	0



Costa Rica	2	0	0
Austria	1	0	0

*Includes deaths

In addition, several other countries around the world have suspected cases of swine flu.

[Latest from the World Health Organization](#) (As of April 29th 8:00 AM PST)

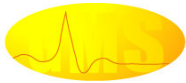
- No restrictions on regular travel or border closures have been advised.
- Those who are ill are encouraged to delay international travel and those developing symptoms following international travel are advised to seek medical attention.
- There is no risk of infection with this virus from the consumption of well-cooked pork or pork products.

[Latest from the U.S. Centre for Disease Control](#) (As of April 29th 8:00 AM PST)

- Several new guidance documents for health professionals have been posted including the following:
 - Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) of Medical Products and Devices
 - Specimen Collection, Processing, and Testing for Patients with Suspected Infection
 - Guidance for Clinicians on Identifying and Caring for Patients
 - Guidance for Clinicians on Prevention and Treatment in Young Children
 - Pregnant Women: Considerations for Clinicians
- New guidance for the travel industry and public service announcements (PSA) have also been posted:
 - Guidance for Airlines Regarding Flight Crews Arriving from Domestic and International Areas Affected by Swine Influenza
 - Guidance to Assist Airline Flight Deck and Cabin Crew in Identifying Passengers Who May Have Swine Influenza
 - Swine Flu Preparedness (PSA)
 - Community Planning for Swine Flu (PSA)
 - Hygiene Habits to Help Fight Swine Flu (PSA)

[Latest from Public Health and Safety Canada](#) (As of April 29th 8:00 AM PST)

- A travel warning was issued recommending Canadians postpone all non-essential travel to Mexico.
- A backgrounder on some of the actions the federal government is taking and the measures Canadians should take to protect themselves was posted and can be found at http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/media/nr-rp/2009/2009_0428_a-eng.php. Actions of the federal government include:



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- The elevation of the Government's Emergency Operations Centre to full activation (Level 4), operating 24 hours a day and seven days a week
- Daily information sharing conference calls with provincial and territorial public health authorities and international partners
- The 24-hour, seven days per week operation of Canada's National Microbiology Lab in Winnipeg

[Latest from BC Centre of Disease Control /Ministry of Health](#) (As of April 29th 8:00 AM PST)

- Information for the public has been posted. Resources include the following:
 - What is swine influenza or swine flu?
 - Confirmed H1N1 case count in Canada
 - Travel Health Notices
- Resources for Health Care Professionals have also been added to website:
 - Lab Guidelines for Swine Influenza
 - Specimen Container Order Form
 - Virus Culture HLTH 1811 Requisition Form

Additional information continues to be available at: www.global-consulting.ca/content

If you would like more information about Global Consulting's Swine Flu Physician Advisory Services, please follow this [link](#) or email swinefluquery@global-consulting.ca