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INFORMATION ALERT



WORLD – The information is correct as of 26 May 2009, 46 countries have officially reported 12,954 cases of influenza A (H1N1) infection, including 92 deaths. The breakdown of the number of laboratory-confirmed cases by country is given in the following table.

Laboratory-confirmed cases of new influenza A (H1N1) as officially reported to WHO by States Parties to the International Health Regulations (2005).

| Countries | Cases | Death | Countries | Cases | Death |
|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Argentina | 5 | 0 | Israel | 8 | 0 |
| Australia | 19 | 0 | Italy | 19 | 0 |
| Austria | 1 | 0 | Japan | 350 | 0 |
| Belgium | 7 | 0 | Korea, Republic of | 21 | 0 |
| Brazil | 9 | 0 | Kuwait | 18 | 0 |
| Canada | 921 | 1 | Malaysia | 2 | 0 |
| Chile | 74 | 0 | Mexico | 4,174 | 80 |
| China | 20 | 0 | Netherlands | 3 | 0 |
| Colombia | 16 | 0 | New Zealand | 9 | 0 |
| Costa Rica | 33 | 1 | Norway | 4 | 0 |
| Cuba | 4 | 0 | Panama | 76 | 0 |
| Denmark | 1 | 0 | Peru | 27 | 0 |
| Ecuador | 24 | 0 | Philippines | 2 | 0 |
| El Salvador | 6 | 0 | Poland | 3 | 0 |
| Finland | 2 | 0 | Portugal | 1 | 0 |
| France | 16 | 0 | Russia | 2 | 0 |
| Germany | 17 | 0 | Spain | 136 | 0 |
| Greece | 1 | 0 | Sweden | 3 | 0 |
| Guatemala | 4 | 0 | Switzerland | 3 | 0 |
| Honduras | 1 | 0 | Thailand | 2 | 0 |
| Iceland | 1 | 0 | Turkey | 2 | 0 |
| India | 1 | 0 | United Kingdom | 137 | 0 |
| Ireland | 1 | 0 | United States of America | 6,764 | 10 |
| Grand Total | | | | 12,954 | 92 |

Cumulative and new figures are subject to revision.



SINGAPORE – Today, the Singapore government confirmed the city-state's first H1N1 flu case, a 22-year-old Singaporean woman who is being quarantined in hospital and is the latest of nearly 13,000 cases worldwide.

The patient was in New York from May 14 to 24. She arrived from New York early on 26th May (Tuesday) on a Singapore Airlines flight (SQ25) and was not picked up by thermal scanners at the airport, as she did not have a fever then, the government said in a statement.

The patient is currently being treated at the Communicable Disease Centre at Tan Tock Seng Hospital and is in stable condition.

The government is tracing the flu patient's close contacts. People who had been in close contact with the patient would be quarantined and treated with anti-viral medication. Passengers who travelled on the same flight and were seated in rows 52 to 58 should call the Health Ministry hotline at 1800- 333 9999.

Screening at border checkpoints will continue and people should stay at home if they are suffering flu symptoms. The government had also advised caution over travelling to affected areas.

We will provide a close follow up of the situation and update you as required. It is important that we remain vigilant and continue to practice good personal hygiene. Maintain a clean environment at the workplace and your office space. Remember to seek immediate medical attention if you develop symptoms of flu and fever.

Should you require further information or clarifications, please contact our Corporate Services Team or Account Managers for assistance.

Warmest regards,

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