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to: All Sandia Employees

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subject: H1N1 Virus Update

Last week, Al Romig sent out a message to all employees about the H1N1 virus. In his message, Al told you our highest priority during this event is ensuring you and your family members are safe and well informed. That's why, during the past week, we've been monitoring the international scene closely to make sure Sandia's response to the H1N1 (swine flu) virus is both cautious and appropriate to the situation. Sandia H1N1 [information](#) is available at the HBE web site. We remain concerned and alert.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report confirmed H1N1 cases in most U.S. states, including one in New Mexico and 49 in California. Most of the schools that were closed last week are scheduled to reopen next week. Public health authorities are not seeing variations of the virus that would indicate it is changing rapidly, nor are they seeing sustained human-to-human transmission.

Still, I want to emphasize that practicing stay-healthy behaviors is important all the time. I hope you will take a few minutes to review the CDC's primary [guidance](#) for preventing the spread of H1N1 -- the most important is to stay home when you or a family member has symptoms, wash your hands frequently, and avoid behaviors that can accelerate the spread of a virus.

In addition, with graduations and summer vacations approaching, this is the beginning of the peak travel season. Let me encourage you to take advantage of Sandia's [Traveler Information System](#) for personal travel. Simply register your personal travel destination as a new business trip in the system (specifying in the notes that it is personal travel), and Sandia's Travel Office will attempt to notify you, using the contact information you provide, when the travel environment changes significantly during your trip. This includes travel advisories for your area relating to H1N1.

Finally, our situational awareness team continues to monitor the conditions in Sandia's communities closely, including the status of the public schools and all federal, state, and local health guidance. If the H1N1 situation changes, we will let you know as soon as possible. Thanks again for your continued dedication. Be safe.

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