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As of this morning, the swine flu that originated in Mexico a few weeks ago has been confirmed in a number of U.S. states. This outbreak has resulted in some precautionary guidance from public health authorities that I want to make you aware of. Your well-being, and that of your family, is our primary concern, and in a situation like this it is worth taking a few minutes to review the situation and make sure we are operating as safely as we can.

First, the swine flu outbreak is a cause for concern and requires a heightened state of alert, but it is not a cause for alarm at this point. We are asking all Sandians to review the [CDC's current guidance](#) on sound everyday health and hygiene practices to avoid either contracting or spreading flu-like illnesses. This includes staying home when you or a family member has symptoms, washing your hands frequently, and avoiding behaviors that can accelerate the spread of a virus.

Second, we are monitoring the situation closely for all Sandia sites. Our situational awareness team is meeting regularly to assess the day-to-day conditions at Sandia, and to determine how local and national guidance may affect operations. That includes closely monitoring the status of the public schools and how their operations might affect Sandia locations. It is our intention to keep you informed of official federal, state, and local health guidance as it becomes available. At Sandia, you can find operational and medical swine flu-related information and updates on the Health, Benefits, and Employee Services (HBE) [webpage](#).

Please keep in mind that this is not currently a pandemic event. We are, however, using all the resources available to us to provide you the latest health information and guidance and to protect you from potential illness. We will fully support and follow official government guidance and direction, and we will communicate with you regularly to keep you informed of updates and changes.

Finally, this is the type of situation in which Sandia shines. Our experts in the National Infrastructure Simulation and Analysis Center (NISAC) are, as always, working around the clock to help federal authorities monitor the outbreak and make decisions that will benefit us all. And I know many of you are contributing, and will continue to contribute, to the public good in countless ways during the event.

Thank you for your continued dedication.

Read more:

CDC information and guidance relating to the swine flu:

<http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>

CDC frequently asked questions about the swine flu:

[http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/key\\_facts.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/key_facts.htm)

Governor Richardson's letter about the swine flu:

<http://www.governor.state.nm.us/press/2009/press-apr09.php>

California swine flu web page:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Pages/SwineInfluenza.aspx>

Department of Homeland Security:

[www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov)

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