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**EOC SITUATION REPORT #13
Influenza A (H1N1)**

Status of Influenza A(H1N1) in the Americas Region

- The total of confirmed cases of influenza A (H1N1) recorded is 1,761 in 7 countries of the Americas
- Mexico has reported 949 confirmed cases, 29 deaths
- Canada has reported 201 confirmed cases
- Costa Rica has reported 1 confirmed case
- Colombia 1 confirmed case
- El Salvador, 2 confirmed cases
- Guatemala, 1 confirmed cases
- USA, 642 confirmed cases with two deaths

Other Highlights

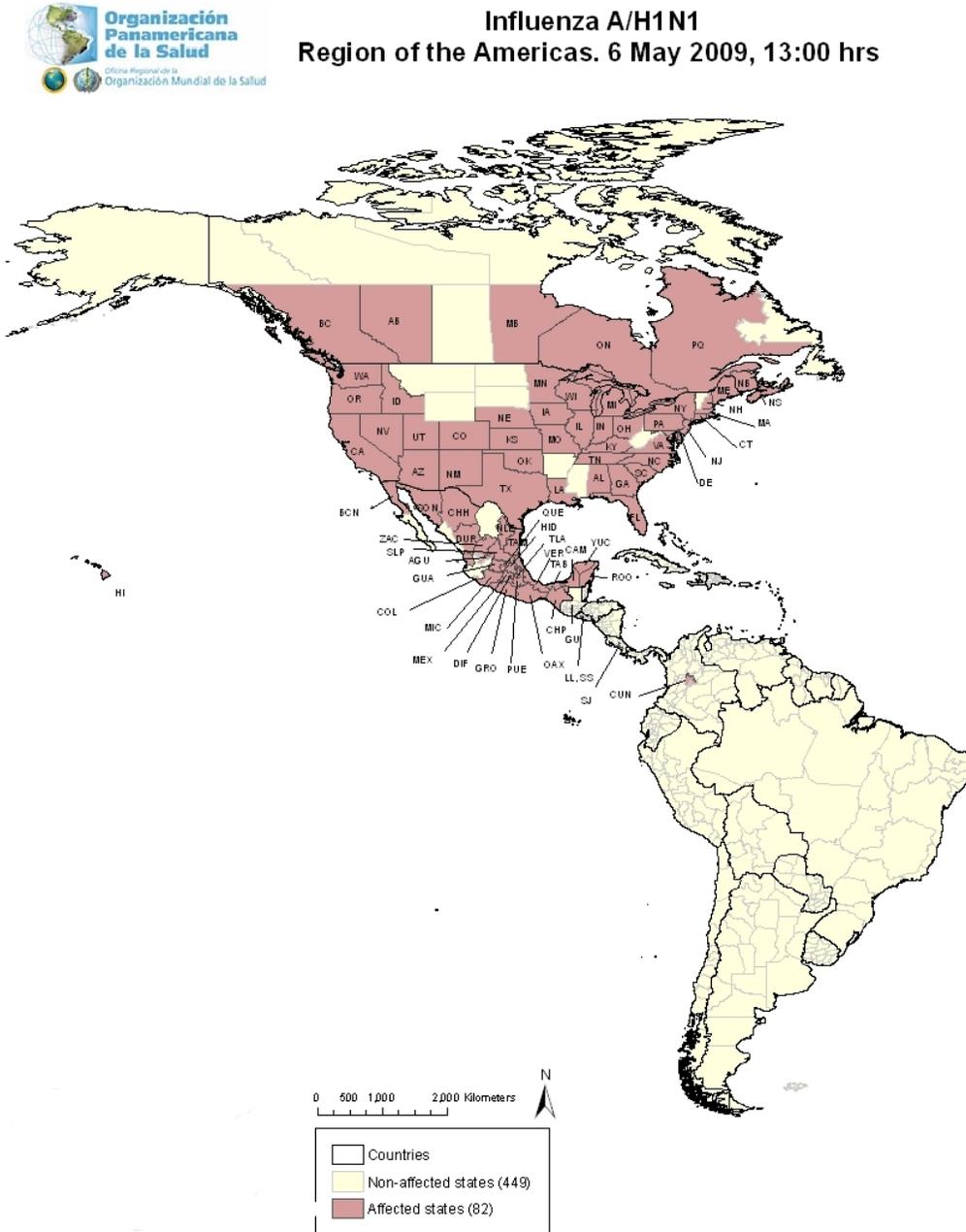
- The following countries **outside the Americas** have reported laboratory confirmed cases Austria (1), China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1), Denmark (1), France (5), Germany (9), Ireland (1), Israel (4), Italy (5), Netherlands (1), New Zealand (6), Portugal (1), Republic of Korea (2), Spain (73), Switzerland (1) and the United Kingdom (28).
- Almost 220,000 treatments of Oseltamivir have been shipped to 21 countries in this Region from the UN Humanitarian Response Depot in Panama. The number of treatments sent by WHO and PAHO to the Americas together total 489,000 treatments.
- At a press briefing today, Dr. Jon Andrus, PAHO's Lead Senior Technical Advisor in Immunizations, covered three issues that have generated substantial public and media interest: a) the severity and clinical presentation of Influenza A(H1N1) and why it appears more severe in one state or country compared to another? b) that the information and knowledge we are acquiring about how to control the current outbreak is constantly evolving, and c) given that the flu season is rapidly approaching in the Southern hemisphere, countries must and are already implementing pandemic preparedness plan. [Read the press release](#) summarizing the briefing.
- The next PAHO media briefing will be held on Thursday, May 7 at 2 p.m. EDT. For complete details, [click here](#).

- PAHO is hosting virtual daily meetings (via webconferencing) for Caribbean health and disaster to inform all operational partners on the current situation. In addition to staff from the Ministry of Health and the national Disaster Offices, the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency, the International Federation of Red Cross Societies and USAID's Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance participated. National health authorities were encouraged to invite the IHR focal point, lab directors and epidemiologist in their country to participate in these sessions which will continue for the remainder of the week.
- Tomorrow's virtual meeting of Caribbean partners will address aspects related to the surveillance, early detection, treatment and infection control measures regarding the influenza virus H1N1.

Background Information

WHO has updated a questions-and-answers fact sheet on the use of **antiviral drugs** against influenza A(H1N1). [Click here](#) to view this document.

Map of at Risk Area



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See [Situation Report #12 and earlier reports, as of Saturday, May 2, 2009](#), for additional information that remains valid.