



American Citizen Services Unit
U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo
Warden Message



TO: U.S. Citizens
FROM: ACS Unit
DATE: April 28, 2009
SUBJECT: Information on Influenza A H1N1

The following Warden Message is being transmitted to give U.S. citizens in the Dominican Republic the latest information on influenza AH1N1, commonly known as *swine flu*. At this time, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in the U.S. and the Ministry of Health in the Dominican Republic are reporting that there are no known cases of influenza AH1N1 in the Dominican Republic. The U.S. Embassy and the government of the Dominican Republic continue to monitor the situation here.

Based on the current number of documented cases in Mexico, the State Department and the CDC have issued a travel alert for Mexico advising people to avoid non-essential travel to Mexico. The full text of the travel alert can be found at

http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_mexico_swine_flu.html

The U.S. Embassy reminds U.S. citizens in Santo Domingo that most cases of influenza are not influenza A H1N1; any specific questions or concerns about flu or other illnesses should be directed to a medical professional. Although the U.S. Embassy cannot give medical advice or provide medical services to the public, a list of hospitals and doctors can be found on our website at the following link:

http://santodomingo.usembassy.gov/root/pdfs/doctors_and_hospitals.pdf

For further information about AH1N1, including steps you can take to stay healthy, please consult the Department of State information at

http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_pandemic.html, the United States Centers for Disease Control website at <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>, and the World Health Organization website at <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html> For additional travel safety information, please consult the State Department's website at <http://www.travel.state.gov/>.

U.S. citizens may also call the Office of Overseas Citizens Services in the United States for the latest travel information. The Office of Overseas Citizens Services can be reached from 8:00 a.m.

until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Monday through Friday, by calling 1-888-407-4747 from within the U.S. and Canada, or by calling (202) 501-4444 from other countries.

The U.S. Embassy will update this warden message if new information becomes available. American citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate on the State Department's travel registration website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>

For any emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy. The Consular Section of the Embassy is located at the corner of Cesar Nicolas Penson Street and Máximo Gómez Avenue, Santo Domingo, D.R.; telephone 809-731-4294; after hours emergency telephone 809-221-2171; ACS unit fax 809-689-6142; e-mail acssantodom@state.gov; web page <http://santodomingo.usembassy.gov/>