



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



**TO: U.S. Citizens**

**FROM: ACS Unit**

**DATE: May 28, 2009**

**SUBJECT: H1N1 Influenza A Update – Ministry of Health Confirms Two Cases**

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The following Warden Message is being transmitted to give U.S. citizens in the Dominican Republic the latest information on H1N1 influenza A, formerly 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 two confirmed cases of H1N1 influenza A in the Dominican Republic, one in Santiago and one in Santo Domingo. These cases are in addition to four identified among tourists to the Dominican Republic earlier in the month and later confirmed in the home countries of those infected. A Ministry of Health spokesperson reported May 27 that all suspected cases of H1N1 Influenza A are being handled according to international guidelines established by the World Health Organization.

Effective May 27, the public can obtain related information by calling \*462. This line is in addition to the 24-hour help and information line for H1N1 Influenza A (809-686-9140) established by the Ministry of Health on May 1. For the latest information from the Ministry of Health, please see: <http://www.sespas.gov.do/Institucional/noticias.asp>

The U.S. Embassy reminds U.S. citizens in Santo Domingo that most cases of influenza are not H1N1 influenza A; any specific questions or concerns about flu or other illnesses should be directed to a medical professional or the above hotline. 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](http://santodomingo.usembassy.gov/root/pdfs/doctors_and_hospitals.pdf)

For further information about H1N1 influenza A, 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](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](mailto:acssantodom@state.gov); web page <http://santodomingo.usembassy.gov/>