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**TO:** General Acute Care Hospitals

**SUBJECT:** H1N1 Influenza Virus – Updated Health Alert

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is dedicated to protecting the health and well-being of the people in California. Due to the recent outbreak of H1N1 influenza (Swine Influenza), CDPH is disseminating information about infection control to assist prevent the further spread of swine influenza.

CDPH has included an attachment that offers recommendations to general acute care hospitals to assist in developing specific procedures for infection control for hospitalized patients.

CDPH also strongly recommends that facilities monitor these two websites on a regular basis as they will be updated continually as new information becomes available.

<http://ww2.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Pages/SwineInfluenzaHealthPros.aspx#infection-hp>  
<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/>

If you have any questions about the prevention and control of swine influenza, please contact your local health department.

Sincerely,

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Attachment