

Dear IFMA Member,

### **PREPARATION FOR POTENTIAL SWINE FLU EPIDEMIC**

Due to the extensive news coverage of the swine flu outbreak, which has caused more than 100 deaths and infected hundreds of others, we believe that as facility managers, it is critical to prepare for a potential epidemic.

Seemingly, out of nowhere, the swine influenza has spread from person to person in Mexico, the United States and Canada—triggering global concerns as governments scramble to find ways to prevent further outbreak.

Described as a “public health emergency of international concern” by the World Health Organization, the H1N1 strain of this flu is usually associated with pigs. Spreading from person to person, rather than from animals to humans, causes it to mutate—making it a tougher strain to treat or fight off.

In an effort to aid facility managers in the preparation of a potential epidemic, we would like to provide you with the IFMA Foundation’s Pandemic Preparedness Manual. The goal of this complimentary resource is to assist in planning for, controlling and responding to a possible swine flu threat. General guidance on establishing and maintaining a business continuity program is also addressed in this document.

Please do not hesitate to contact IFMA if you need further assistance or support. We are available to help you with any pandemic preparation you may need.

As always, your safety and well being is of the utmost importance to us. We can be reached at 1-713-623-4362 or at [membership@ifma.org](mailto:membership@ifma.org).

Sincerely,

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