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SITUATION REPORT

DHS EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTRE

INCIDENT/EMERGENCY NAME: H1N1 Influenza 09 (Human Swine Influenza)
SITUATION REPORT NUMBER: *DHS Sit Rep No. 54*
DATE/TIME PREPARED: 17 July 2009 – 1800 hours
INCIDENT CLASSIFICATION: High

KEY DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST REPORT

- Victoria remains at the Protect phase
- As at 1600hrs there are 2420 confirmed cases in Victoria with 14 deaths reported. 11,962 cases have been confirmed across Australia.
- Debriefing sessions for both internal and external personal are currently being organised. Interim dates being planned for is 4 & 5 August
- Media reports suggest that a vaccine will be available in Australia in October. Further details to be sourced via the Cwlth on implementing any mass vaccination program in Victoria.

CURRENT SITUATION

- VHEC continues to monitor and communicate hospital and clinic demand and in-patient admissions particularly ICU's
- VHEC continues to manage requests from hospitals to access Tamiflu from the DHS stockpile
- Pharmacy Guild managing all distribution of state antivirals throughout the state

KEY ISSUES TO ADDRESS

- Review of workforce needs for the next 7 days

STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

- National level coordination through AHPC with appropriate consultation with states and territories and CDNA/PHLN.
- Testing is now confined to those individuals at high risk of complications from influenza, and those in high risk settings such as aged care facilities. Treatment and prophylaxis with anti-virals are now being dispensed to persons meeting the clinical case definition.
- Continue to monitor global status and updates for changes in spread of the virus.

MEDIA MANAGEMENT & PUBLIC INFORMATION

- Updated communication material for 'Protect' phase has been distributed throughout the sector.

NEXT SITREP DUE AT: 1600hrs, Friday 24 July 2009

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Situation Reports will now be issued each Friday unless there is any major shift in activity.