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**District Health Board**  
*Poari Hauora-ā-rohe ki Ōtāgo*



**Southland District**  
**HEALTH BOARD**  
*Te Poari Hauora o te Rohe o Murihiku*

## **Influenza Advisory No 7**

### **Influenza A (H1N1)**

**To: Staff at the Otago and Southland District Health Boards  
External Stakeholder Group**

**Advisory 7 - 4 May 2009 at 2pm**

**From: District Health Board Incident Controller Leanne Samuel**

**Subject: Influenza A (H1N1)**

**All clinical teams please collect this information and subsequent information in folders. Department heads please print this information and make it visible e.g. on staff notice boards.**

Currently, eight people in Otago and Southland are in quarantine until May 5 and have been offered Tamiflu because they were contacts of a suspected case of Influenza A (H1N1) while travelling on flight NZ1 from Los Angeles to Auckland on April 28.

As of 3 May 2009, the World Health Organisation reported 898 cases of influenza A in 18 countries. German, Spain and the United Kingdom have had in-country transmission, there has been a school closure in British Columbia, Canada, and vaccine production is underway.

Mexico has reported 506 cases, including 19 deaths. The following countries have reported laboratory confirmed cases with no deaths – Austria (1), Canada (85), China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1), Costa Rica (1), Denmark (1), Germany (8), Ireland (1), Israel (3), Italy (1), Netherlands (1), New Zealand (4), Republic Korea (1), France (2), Spain (40), Switzerland (1) and the United Kingdom (15).

WHO advises no restriction of regular travel or closure of borders. It is considered prudent for people who are ill to delay international travel and for people developing symptoms following international travel to seek medical attention, in line with guidance from national authorities.

In New Zealand, there have been four confirmed cases, 13 probable cases, 89 suspected cases, and 360 people are in quarantine. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade has advised against tourist and non-essential travel to Mexico – [www.safetravel.govt.nz](http://www.safetravel.govt.nz)

So far, the Influenza A (H1N1) virus has not been spread from person-to-person in New Zealand.