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### County Emergency Proclamation Declared Prudent response to ensure adequate resources for A/H1N1

**SANTA ROSA, Calif.** – Sonoma County Administrator Bob Deis and County Public Health Officer Dr. Mary Maddux-Gonzalez declared a local emergency today. The declaration is not a reflection of a worsening situation rather it is a proactive measure to ensure adequate access to state and federal resources and to provide staff with adequate flexibility to sustain a response to the A/H1N1 Flu, should such a response become necessary.

County Administrator Deis, after conferring with the Chair of the Board of Supervisors stated: “As matter of prudence, this declaration will ensure that Sonoma County has access to any and all needed local, state and federal resources to fully respond to any issues surrounding detection of H1N1 as they emerge.” As a matter of past practice, local jurisdictions declare a state of local emergency when there is the possibility that a required sustained effort is needed and to ensure access to all appropriate resources.

County Health Officer Dr. Mary Maddux-Gonzalez stated: “Today’s emergency declaration is more about ensuring access to additional resources if we need them, rather than any increased concern about the local H1N1 situation. Fortunately, the one confirmed Sonoma County H1N1 case has been similar to most U.S. cases in that the individual had mild symptoms and has completely recovered. “

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--- Sonoma County Emergency Proclamation (cont.) ---

Sonoma County Department of Health Services continues to respond to daily changes in the scope and potential spread of A/H1N1. Beginning with notification of the first human cases in the United States last week, County officials have worked quickly to update local schools, health care providers, emergency responders, and to educate the public about steps individuals and the community can take to prevent the spread of A/H1N1 flu. County officials have also implemented a Flu Pandemic Plan, working with cities, emergency services, health care providers and others organizations to create a coordinated response to A/H1N1 flu in Sonoma County.

More information about A/H1N1 flu available at:

- [www.sonoma-county.org/publichealth](http://www.sonoma-county.org/publichealth)
- CDPH Swine Flu page  
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Pages/SwineInfluenza.aspx>
- CDC Swine Flu page [www.cdc.gov/flu/swine](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/swine)

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