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**For the Attention of
Hospital CEOs, OHA Board of Directors, Infection Prevention
and Control Leads, Occupational Health and Safety leads,
Joint Health and Safety Committee, and Emergency
Department Managers**

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Update #4: Swine Flu (Severe Respiratory Illness in Mexico)

The World Health Organization (WHO) has raised its pandemic alert level to Phase 5, characterized by human-to-human spread of a virus into at least two countries in one WHO region.

Any cases of influenza-like illnesses (ILI) with a history of travel to Mexico or contact with a confirmed case of swine flu should be reported to hospitals' local public health units as soon as possible after an assessment and laboratory testing for swine influenza A has been done.

Please find attached the latest Important Health Notice from the province's Chief Medical Officer of Health. Also attached is the *Clinical Guidelines on the Management of Patients with ILI in Ambulatory Settings*, which has recently been revised (see section 3 on laboratory testing).

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