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Orange County Proclaims Local Emergency in Response to Swine Influenza Situation

(Santa Ana, CA) — On Thursday, April 30, the County of Orange proclaimed a local emergency in response to the evolving Influenza A (H1N1), or swine influenza, outbreak in the region. The Director of Emergency Services requested the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to issue the emergency proclamation on behalf of the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

This emergency proclamation allows the County to fully deploy all available resources, actions, and measures deemed necessary to protect the health of Orange County residents. The action provides the County additional flexibility in purchasing goods and contracting for services needed for the response, as well as enabling the County to access additional resources from the State of California. On Tuesday, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed a State of Emergency in California due to the swine influenza outbreak.

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) asks that all persons requesting additional information about the swine influenza situation visit the following websites:

OC Health Care Agency www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/swine
California Dept. of Public Health www.cdph.ca.gov
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov/swineflu

The Orange County Health Care Agency is offering general information about Influenza A (H1N1) through its Health Referral Line at (800) 564-8448. The California Department of Public Health is also operating a swine flu hotline. That number is (888) 865-0564.