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NOTICE

Pandemic Influenza Section Added to OFM Website

In response to requirements established under the White House Homeland Security Council's *Implementation Plan for the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza*, the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) has added a section to its website (www.state.gov/ofm) dedicated to information about pandemic influenza. The web address of this new section is www.state.gov/ofm/c19455.htm.

This section currently provides general information. However, in the event the World Health Organization announces the world's entrance into "Phase 4" of the Global Influenza Preparedness Plan (meaning there are small clusters of infection with limited human-to-human transmission), information will be posted at this section of OFM's website specifically addressing the measures the United States is taking to address pandemic influenza.

At such time the Department of State will provide all foreign missions with information about measures initiated by government authorities that may have an impact on diplomatic missions and consular posts. In addition to developing this new section of its website, OFM is working with officials of the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that adequate guidance is provided to federal, state, tribal and local authorities concerning the privileges and immunities of diplomatic personnel and facilities in the context of any measures taken to address pandemic influenza in the United States.

If foreign missions or their members have questions concerning this matter, please contact OFM via electronic mail at OFMInfo@state.gov.

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