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# Media Advisory

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### A MESSAGE FROM THE UNITED STATES ACTING ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR REGARDING THE H1N1 FLU

Washington DC- In an effort to send a common message the USFA is working with Department of Homeland Security Office of Health Leadership and other Federal partners (FICEMS) to issue an EMS, Medical First Responder and 9-1-1 specific guidance document to the Nation's first responders. This is a dynamic process and we will provide additional information as soon as we receive the appropriate agency(s) approval. In addition to the CDC link <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/> take a look at [www.EMS.gov](http://www.EMS.gov) for Pandemic Influenza specific information:

“We are currently monitoring the H1N1 Flu information as it comes forward from the CDC and DHS medical experts. As a part of FEMA and DHS, the USFA is seeking to ensure our nation's firefighters and their families are provided the information they need to stay safe,” said Acting Assistant Administrator Glenn A. Gaines. “We know as firefighters and EMTs called to emergency medical responses and other emergencies across the nation, there is always the concern for secondary exposures to fellow firefighters and families as firefighters return to their homes. As conditions change, we will work closely with you to ensure firefighters and EMTs have the most current information.”

The U.S. Department of Transportation's *EMS Pandemic Influenza Guidelines for Statewide Adoption and Preparing for Pandemic Influenza: Recommendations for Protocol Development and 9-1-1 Personnel and Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs)* are available online at [www.ems.gov](http://www.ems.gov) (Click on Pandemic News). State and local EMS agencies should review these documents for additional useful information.

For the most current information regarding the outbreak of H1N1 Flu, visit:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/SwineFlu/>.