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H1N1 Influenza A

In light of the declaration of a Public Health Emergency by Health and Human Services (HHS), we would like all U.S. citizens traveling or living in Mozambique to be aware of the latest information regarding human cases of H1N1 Influenza A, formerly known as swine flu, and to be mindful of possible travel restrictions. Please consult the Department of State information on H1N1 flu at http://travel.state.gov/ travel/cis pa tw/pa/pa pandemic.html, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control website at http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/, and the World Health Organization website at http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html. For additional travel safety of State's website information, please consult the Department at www.travel.state.gov.

Remember, when any flu virus is circulating, it is important to practice good hygiene (wash hands regularly with soap and water and cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you sneeze or cough), to avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth if possible, to seek appropriate treatment promptly if you have flu-like symptoms (http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/takingcare.pdf), to avoid sick people, to avoid other people if you are sick, and to have an adequate supply of water and food in case you need to stay in place for an extended period of time. A Checklist for Pandemic Preparedness for Individuals and Families is available at maputo.usembassy.gov.

EMBASSY CLOSURES AND CHANGES TO SERVICES

The Embassy will be closed Friday, May 1st for Worker's Day and Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day.

Due to staffing issues, **the Consular Section will be closed for visa services from Monday, June 1st through Friday, June 12th.** Additional visa appointments will be available in May and beginning the 15th of June. Limited appointments will be available during this period for routine U.S. citizen services, such as passport applications and notarials. In the event of an emergency involving a U.S. citizen, please contact the Consular Section immediately at 21 49 2797 x3439 or 21 49 0723 during non business hours. Please remember that in case of an emergency, no matter what day or time, there is always someone available to assist you.

U.S. Embassy Maputo will offer the Foreign Service Exam on June 6, 2009.



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The deadline to register is May 28, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. EST.