



Swine Flu Update: Industry and Business

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Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development

The Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development (DIIRD) is providing an update for Victorian industry and business on the current H1N1 influenza outbreak in Victoria. Please pass this update onto all your members and associates.

Check Victoria's Chief Health Officer website for the latest information on the status of the outbreak and prevention, diagnosis and treatment issues at:

http://www.health.vic.gov.au/chiefhealthofficer/alerts/influenza_a.htm

DIIRD endorses the Chief Health Officer's reminder to ensure that business continuity plans are in place and updated where necessary.

General health precautions in the workplace should apply as usual: good hygiene is essential such as washing hands, covering your mouth when coughing or sneezing into a tissue and proper disposal of used tissues. For more information on this refer to the Chief Health Office site.

DIIRD also advises that people intending to travel abroad need to keep closely monitoring what is happening internationally. Please refer to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade travel warnings:

<http://www.smartraveller.gov.au>

A general health background and other information is available at the Victorian Government's Better Health Channel:

<http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au>

For updates on proven instances of infection, see information from the World Health Organisation:

<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>

Reference should also be made to Worksafe Victoria's *OH&S Preparedness for and influenza pandemic: A Guide for employers* at:

<http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/WorkSafe/Home/What%27s+New/>

DIIRD will continue to keep all Victorian industry and business organisations informed as the situation develops.