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Very Urgent Fax Memo

Sub: The New (H1N1) Measures

To HE the Director General of Health Affairs in the Provinces of: Mekkah Al-Mukarramah, Al-Madeenah Al-Munuwarah, Qaseem, Riyadh, Eastern Province, Northern Borders, Hail, Aseer, Al-Baha, Najran, Jazan, Tabuk, Al-Joaf

To HE The Director of Health Affairs in the Districts of: Jeddah, Taif, Hafr Al-Baten, Ahsa, Beeshah, Qunfuthah, Qurayat

Dear,

Ref to the H1N1 epidemic and relative case reporting since the onset of the epidemic - the current WHO directives orienting towards monitoring the disease by concentrating on its complications (Such as pneumonia) and resultant deaths - we hope your officials are guided by the following:

First: The Daily Report: A daily report must be sent, including:

- Confirmed cases recorded on the day prior to the date of the report.
- If no cases are available please notify accordingly.

Second: Reporting by use of the Daily Form for Recording Recovery and Death cases, including:

- Number of deaths and relative details.
- Number of recovered cases on the day prior to the date of the report.
- The cumulative number of recovered cases.

Third:

- The above reports must be sent daily (Saturday through Wednesday), in a timing not later than 11:00am, to the fax of the MOH Directorate of Infectious Diseases (014014262), provided the Saturday report shall include the Thursday and Friday reports.
- The Epidemiological Surveillance Form for confirmed cases must be sent and necessary precautions taken.
- Reports of suspected cases are not required. Specialists in each province are expected to coordinate with the laboratory to which the samples have been sent.
- The disease progress for critical cases at the Intensive Care Units of any government or private hospital must be included in the Daily report.
- Copies of this memo shall be sent to the Assistant Minister for Labs, the Director General for Labs, and blood banks for reminding relative labs to equip the provinces with their findings.

Fourth: Cases to be tested at the laboratories:

- 1- People arriving at the openings from outside the Kingdom with high body temperature (38° C or above) and H1N1 symptoms shall be transferred to the relative airport clinic.
- 2- Residents or those arriving to the Kingdom within 7 days prior to the report shall be tested in cases of high body temperature (38° C or above) and appearance of H1N1 symptoms.
- 3- Health workers with high body temperature (38° C or above) and symptoms of the disease.
- 4- The above precautions shall be applicable as of Wednesday 29/07/1430, 22/07/2009.

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CC:

- Our Office
- The Assistant Deputy Minister for Laboratories
- The Director General for Laboratories and Blood Banks
- The Director General for Parasitic and Infectious Diseases
- The Assistant Director General for Parasitic and Contagious Diseases
- The Director of Infectious Diseases
- The Director of the Expanded Immunization Program, (with attachments)
- Dr. Hamid and Dr. Dafallah (with attachments)
- H1N1 File (with attachments)
- Records