

4-May-09

This Warden Message alerts U.S. citizens to the latest information regarding human cases of 2009-H1N1 Influenza A, formerly known as swine flu. The Ministry of Health has reported that the case of suspected infection in Osijek is not 2009-H1N1 Influenza A. There are no other suspected cases OF 2009-H1N1 Influenza A infection in Croatia at this time. The Health Ministry advises that it is following the latest developments and is in touch with all relevant global institutions. Travelers arriving from affected areas are being screened and those with symptoms will be referred to local clinics for testing. According to news sources, Croatia has already secured 600,000 doses of anti-viral drugs and the Government is advising Croatian citizens that there is no need for them to purchase the drugs on their own. The government has announced the establishment of a crisis center and indicated that in case of a 2009-H1N1 Influenza A outbreak, the crisis center will provide necessary instructions.

For further information about 2009-H1N1 Influenza A, including steps you can take to stay healthy, please consult the Department of State information at http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_pandemic.html, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu>, and the World Health Organization (WHO) website at <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>. For additional travel safety information, please consult the State Department's website at www.travel.state.gov.

U.S. citizens may also call the Office of Overseas Citizens Services in the United States for the latest travel information. The Office of Overseas Citizens Services can be reached from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Monday through Friday, by calling 1-888-407-4747 from within the U.S. and Canada, or by calling (202) 501-4444 from other countries.

Americans living or traveling in Croatia are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy through the State Department's travel registration website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/> so that they can obtain updated information on travel and security within Croatia. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the U.S. Embassy in Zagreb. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency. The U.S. Embassy is located at ul. Thomasa Jeffersona 2, Buzin 10010, tel: 1-661-2200, after hours: 1-661-2400, fax: 1-665-8933. Updates to this information may also be found on the Embassy's website at zagreb.usembassy.gov.