

OYA *In the Loop*

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This morning Dr. Marcia Adams, our Medical Director, Fariborz, and I participated in a conference call about swine flu. We learned that the number of cases worldwide and in the United States is growing, although we haven't yet learned about an Oregon case. Officials from the State Health Division believe that we will see an Oregon case in the near future. In the next few days, Oregon will receive part of its allotment of antiviral drugs. These drugs have limited use for only the very ill people. As yet, there is not a vaccine for the swine flu virus, so we each need to take precautions to avoid getting and spreading the virus. The attachments give you the most current information that we have about the virus and the precautionary measures each of you should practice. You should share this information with employees, youth, partners, volunteers, parents, and others who might come in contact with us.

Dr. Adams sent out an e-mail yesterday about coordinated efforts with the Department of Human Services, and she gave you a website link for more information. I want you to know that we are working on strategies and protocols for us to use to combat the spread of this virus, and we will send that to you in the next few days.

Please stay informed about this virus. Here's a website that will help us do that:
<http://www.flu.oregon.gov/>

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