



H1N1 Preparedness Overview

The Chicago Convention & Tourism Bureau (CCTB) regularly receives updates from the U.S. Travel Association who is working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Departments of Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, State and Transportation.

On a local level, the CCTB will maintain ongoing communication with the Metropolitan Pier & Exposition Authority (MPEA), Department of Aviation, Chicago and Illinois Departments of Public Health, Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications, hotel community, and other city/state agencies as warranted in an effort to provide you with updates as necessary.

Below is detailed information from various city and state agencies that you may find helpful in communicating with your attendees and exhibitors.

MPEA

- MPEA medical consultants are monitoring the situation closely and have placed hand sanitizers throughout the campus.
- McCormick Place Fire Safety and EMS personnel have received guidance from MPEA's medical consultants with regards to flu concerns. At this time, there are no recommendations to change usual public gathering management.

AIRPORTS

- Chicago's Midway and O'Hare International Airports have placed hand sanitizers throughout both facilities, along with announcements regarding preventative measures.

HOTELS

- The American Hotel Lodging Association issued a 26-page manual entitled "H1N1 Influenza Management in Hotels," providing guidance for managing both employees and guests who may be afflicted with the illness, discussing both basic sanitation practices and strategies for full-blown outbreaks.
- The full guide can be downloaded at www.ahla.com/flu

HOSPITALS

Closest to Downtown Loop:
Rush University Medical Center
1650 W. Harrison
www.rush.edu

Closest to Magnificent Mile and Navy Pier:
Northwestern Memorial Hospital
251 E. Huron St.
www.nmh.org

Closest to McCormick Place:
Mercy Hospital & Medical Center
2525 South Michigan Avenue
www.mercy-chicago.org

CHICAGO CONSULATE INFORMATION

Below is a list of Chicago Consulates that provide information about H1N1 on their respective websites:

France

[Consulate General of France](#)

Germany

[Consulate General of Germany](#)

[Last updated on June 11 on main page; not specific to Chicago; links to Federal Foreign Office \(details in German\)](#)

Great Britain

[British Consulate General in Chicago](#)

[Detailed information about procedures and links to another Website regarding their National Pandemic Flu Service and Travel Procedures](#)

India

[Consulate General of India](#)

[Travel Advisory notice posted regarding screening procedure upon entry in India from US](#)

Japan

[Consulate General of Japan in Chicago](#)

[Quarantine Procedure upon Entry into Japan](#)

Netherlands

[Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands](#)

Spain

[Consulate General of Spain in Chicago](#)

For the latest H1N1 updates, please refer to the following organizations:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - www.cdc.gov

Chicago Department of Public Health - www.cityofchicago.org

IAEE Influenza Pandemic Plan -
http://www.iaee.com/iaee_membership/center_for_exhibition_safety_and_security

Illinois Department of Public Health - http://www.idph.state.il.us/h1n1_flu/

U.S. Travel Association Swine Flu Toolkit - <http://www.ustravel.org/swineflu>