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## **COUNTY EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION DECLARED**

**San Bernardino.** The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Gary Ovitt proclaimed a local emergency today due to the confirmation of a Swine Influenza A (H1N1) case in San Bernardino County.

“Out of an abundance of caution, it was determined that the situation warrants this Proclamation because of the potential threat to public health in the County,” Board of Supervisors Chairman Gary Ovitt said. “It provides the authority necessary for the County to fully respond to the outbreak of Swine Flu, and makes available a wide range of statewide resources to San Bernardino County and its cities and towns.” The County will also be better able to recoup a portion of any costs related to the disaster proclamation.

Jurisdictions proclaim a local emergency when the circumstances are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of any single county or city, and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat.

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health is increasing surveillance for this novel influenza strain and will provide more information to the public, as available.

For more details on Swine Influenza A (H1N1) virus infection, call the Department of Public Health at 1-800-782-4264. You can also access the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at [www.cdc.gov/flu/swine](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/swine) or call 1-800-CDC-INFO. Further information is available from the California Department of Public Health website at [www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov).

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