

Note: For the last five GIUs issued, see last page.

Re: Human Swine Influenza Outbreak – Information Sources (AFFILIATES ONLY)

Summary:

There are many websites providing up-to-date information regarding the Human Swine Influenza outbreak and steps that are being taken to prevent any further spread of the Influenza. This General Information Update outlines a number of these key websites for use by healthcare employers.

Action Required:

There is no action required.

Discussion:

Since the onset of the Human Swine Influenza outbreak, HEABC has received requests and responded to several questions from members regarding information pertaining to the outbreak. There are several excellent sources of online information that provide up-to-date information for healthcare employers as well as the public at large. These include the following:

1. Ministry of Health Services - <http://www.gov.bc.ca/health/>
2. BC Centre for Disease Control - <http://www.bccdc.org/>
3. World Health Organization - <http://www.who.int/en/>
4. Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare (OHSAH) - <http://www.ohsah.bc.ca/>
5. Health Canada - <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/index-eng.php>
6. Public Health Agency of Canada - <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/index-eng.php>
7. Provincial Infection Control Network of British Columbia - <http://www.picnetbc.ca/>

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The last five GIUs issued are:

- GIU #197 re: Long Term Care and Home Care Employers and Workers Information Session on Injury Prevention and Disability Management Wednesday, May 27, 2009, Nanaimo, BC
- GIU #196 re: Provincial Election – Tuesday, May 12, 2009 – Time off for Employees to Vote
- GIU #195 re: Home Care Providers
Information Session on Injury Prevention and Disability Management
Friday, November 21, 2008, Vancouver
- GIU #194 re: Federal Election – Tuesday, October 14, 2008 – Time Off for Employees to Vote
- GIU #193 re: Changes to Criminal Records Review Act

If you would like to review all GIUs see Website: www.heabc.bc.ca