

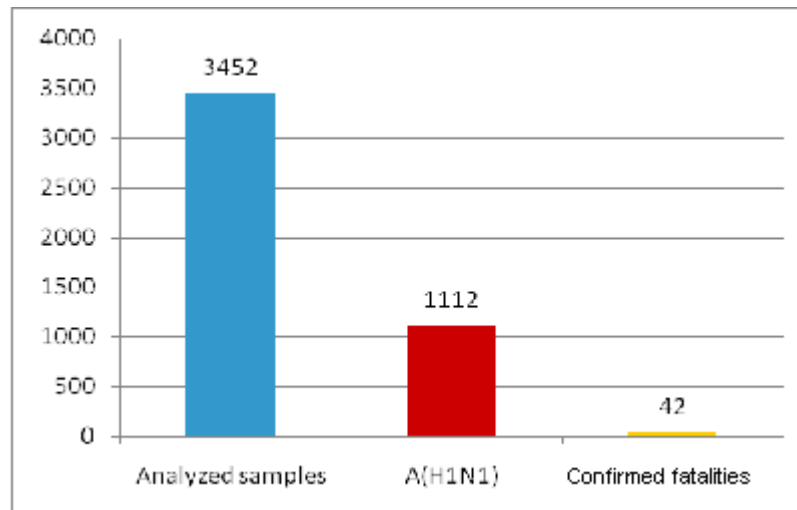
## Update Report – May 6<sup>th</sup>

### México is making progress in the mitigation of influenza A H1N1

Economic activities in the public and private sector are gradually being resumed in Mexico, both prudently and safely. The government remains in a state of alert concerning the epidemic and continues to follow preventive measures. The A H1N1 influenza virus poses a great challenge for Mexicans. However, the population's support and the implementation of government policies have led to significant results. For example, the speed of the virus spread has diminished by 80% during the last few days.

Mexico maintains open borders. President Felipe Calderón emphasized the importance of taking decisions based on information and recommendations issued by the World Health Organization (WHO). Furthermore, the President condemned discrimination of Mexicans and citizens of other countries related to the influenza virus.

#### Situation of the epidemic in Mexico until May 6<sup>th</sup>



The increase in the number of confirmed A H1N1 cases, including confirmed fatalities, in relation to yesterday's data does not reflect an actual increase in the virus' spread, but rather an update of information based on previously collected samples that have been gradually processed.

#### Actions taken by the Federal Government

- In order to resume classes and return to productive activity after the preventive measures, federal agencies have developed various guidelines for the prevention and control of Influenza A H1N1, adapted to different sectors ([http://promocion.salud.gob.mx/dgps/interior1/lineamientos\\_influenza.html#](http://promocion.salud.gob.mx/dgps/interior1/lineamientos_influenza.html#)). These include the following:
  - Labor sector. *Recommendations Guide for the Implementation of an Emergency Plan for the Influenza Epidemic in Workplaces.*
  - Educational Sector. Booklet for children, teenagers and parents: *What can I do while school is out? The School handbook for managers concerning sanitary guidelines for overcoming influenza health*



risk. And the strategic guide *What can schools do to deal with influenza?*, which advises teachers on how to communicate with students. It also provides information to set health "filters" for people with influenza symptoms.

- Schools are being vigorously cleaned in preparation for their reopening.
- The Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Health have implemented actions to ensure the supply of the required medicines and items to address this contingency. Mexico has enough antiviral reserves to face the outbreak of Influenza A H1N1.
- The Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare has carried out a dialogue with the Productive Sector (Government, Employers and Workers) which has facilitated the alignment of economic activity to the epidemic emergency and compliance with governmental restrictions.
- The STPS has conducted inspections across the country to ensure compliance with preventive measures in the workplace, while providing relevant information to employees. Questions and complaints on labor issues have been received at the toll free number **01 800 911 7877**.
- In addition to fiscal measures, the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit announced a credit line of approximately 11 billion pesos from Development Banks in Mexico to provide liquidity to the most affected sectors.

### **International Community**

The solidarity expressed by the international community continues to strengthen our ability to mitigate the epidemic. A ceremony was held today at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to mark the delivery of a donation of medical supplies provided by the Government of France. The supplies, with an estimated value of 1.5 million euros, will strengthen the capacities of Mexico's health sector to combat the influenza outbreak.

Mexico acknowledges the support of the international community and urges to continue working jointly to tackle this epidemic.

A chartered flight arrived today from China bringing 141 Mexican citizens, including those who had remained in sanitary isolation since May 1st. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs agreed their repatriation with the Government of the People's Republic of China. The Mexican nationals, who were all in good health, arrived today at 06:10 am in a chartered flight that stopped at Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou and Hong Kong.