



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER # 280**

**Relating to a Proclamation Declaring a Public Health Emergency**

**WHEREAS**, on April 26, 2009, the United States government declared a public health emergency related to the presence of Swine Influenza A (swH1N1) in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the health and well-being of the residents of this State, the State of Wisconsin must avail itself of all resources needed to respond to and contain the presence of Swine Influenza A in the State;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and specifically by Sections 166.03(1)(b) and 321.39(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Proclaim that a state of public health emergency, as defined in Section 166.02(7) of the Wisconsin Statutes, exists for the State of Wisconsin; and
2. Designate the Department of Health Services as the lead agency to respond to the public health emergency; and
3. Direct the Department of Health Services to take all necessary and appropriate measures to prevent and respond to incidences of Swine Influenza A in the State; and
4. Direct the Department of Health Services to access and distribute the state and federal antiviral stockpiles in response to the public health emergency as the State Health Officer determines is advisable; and
5. Direct the Department of Health Services, as part of the State's antiviral response, to take any measures it deems necessary and appropriate to make antiviral treatments available to persons within the State, regardless of insurance or other health coverage, as needed to respond to the public health emergency; and
6. Suspend the provisions of any administrative rule, if the Department of Health Services determines that compliance with that rule would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary actions to respond to the emergency and increase the health threat; and
7. Authorize the Adjutant General to activate the Wisconsin National Guard as necessary and appropriate to assist in the State's response to the public health emergency; and

8. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist as appropriate in the State's ongoing response.



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this thirtieth day of April in the year two thousand nine.

  
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JIM DOYLE  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State