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Update on Swine Flu

The Swine Flu numbers continue to grow in the United States. We have a total of 91 cases as reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as of today. We have a total of 14 cases in the California with 4 cases in Riverside County. Of the 4 cases in Riverside County, 3 are in the western part of the county, and 1 is from the Coachella Valley. The Public Health Laboratory conducted the initial testing. These are probable cases, and confirmatory testing still needs to be done by the CDC.

We want to stress the CDC recommendation that we provided in our previous press release date 04/27/09. Cathedral City Fire Department (CCFD) will continue to monitor the situation by being involved in daily conference call with Riverside County Office of Emergency Management. We have also put out response reminders to our crews when working with ill patients. We have the proper protection equipment for emergency and non-emergency response.

Our firefighters are equipped with a fit tested N95 mask for respiratory protection. We want to advise the public that you may see our firefighters wearing full protection measures while we perform our duties. This may include N95, facemask, eye protection, gloves and a gown. We will continue to provide the best service to our citizens in their time of need.

CCFD will continue to update the information and may be obtained via our website:

<http://www.cathedralcityfire.org/>

The following websites will provide additional information.

Center for Disease Control and Prevention has valuable information that may answer many of your questions. http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/swineflu_you.htm

Spanish Version of CDC Website: Si necessita informacion en espanol, ponga esta direction en su computadora. Toda la informacion esta en espanol.

http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/espanol/swine_espanol.htm

Riverside County Department of Health: <http://www.rivcoph.org/>

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