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## Swine Flu Breaking News

**The World Health Organization (WHO) said today that the novel H1N1 virus has achieved pandemic status. WHO Director-General Margaret Chan announced the move to pandemic alert phase 6. "The scientific criteria for a pandemic have been met," she said. "The world is now at the start of the 2009 influenza pandemic." She noted that most cases have been mild and the epidemic been moderate in relatively well-off countries, but a "bleaker picture" may emerge as it spreads in poor countries.**

**Please read their entire statement by clicking on the link below.**

### [World Health Organization's official statement](#)

PortionPac Germicidal Detergent is EPA Registered as effective against the H1N1 Type A Influenza (Swine Flu). You can find a great deal of information on this flu by going to [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and clicking on the Swine Flu link at the top of the opening page.

Like other Flu outbreaks, this flu is transmitted through the air when infected individuals sneeze or cough and the droplets are breathed-in by others. It can also be transmitted when people touch "high touch" surfaces (door knobs, push plates, desks, etc.) that were previously touched by infected individuals and then bring their hands to their faces, mouth, nose, and eyes.

These high touch surfaces should be cleaned with PortionPac Germicidal Detergent (or other available EPA Registered Germicidal Detergents following manufacturers dilution instructions) as frequently as possible during any outbreak and everyone should always be encouraged to wash their hands frequently during the day and keep their hands away from their faces. Also, anyone coughing or sneezing should be encouraged to cover their mouth/nose and sneeze/cough into their arm or into throw-away tissue.

**Most important, this Pandemic notification is NOT a cause for panic.** But it is a good time to review procedures and communications to your staff. If you need additional information or want to discuss this further, please email me.

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