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This Warden Message alerts U.S. citizens to the latest information regarding human cases of H1N1 Influenza A, formerly known as swine flu. The Australian Department of Health and Aging has not yet confirmed any cases of H1N1 Influenza in Australia.

The Australian government has listed H1N1 Influenza A as a quarantinable disease in humans under the Quarantine Act 1908. Australian authorities have the power to take appropriate actions in an emergency to prevent or control the spread of a disease. Health screening measures are in place at airports throughout Australia. Upon arrival in Australia, passengers may be assessed for flu-like symptoms. Passengers may also be subject to further screening measures, such as testing, monitoring, and/or referral for possible quarantine. Official Australian government information is available online at: <http://www.healthemergency.gov.au/internet/healthemergency/publishing.nsf>. The Australian government has also established a telephone hotline for H1N1 influenza information at 1 802 007.

For further information about H1N1 flu, including steps you can take to stay healthy, please consult the Department of State website at: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_pandemic.html, the United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu>, and the World Health Organization website at: <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>. For additional travel safety information, please consult the State Department's website at <http://travel.state.gov>.

U.S. citizens may also call the Office of Overseas Citizens Services in the United States for the latest travel information. The Office of Overseas Citizens Services can be reached from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Monday through Friday, by calling 1-888-407-4747 from within the U.S. and Canada, or by calling (202) 501-4444 from other countries.

Americans living or traveling in Australia are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/> so that they can obtain updated information on travel and security within Australia. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. The U.S. Consulate General Sydney is located at Level 59, MLC Centre 19-29 Martin Place, Sydney, NSW 2000, telephone number 02-9373-9200, emergency after-hours number is 02-4422-2201, fax 02-9373-9184, email is SydneyACS@state.gov, website <http://sydney.usconsulate.gov>.

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