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To: The American Community
From: Embassy of the United States, Vientiane
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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 Lao government's National Avian and Human Influenza Coordinating Office (NAHICO) has reported no cases of H1N1 Influenza A in Laos. Local authorities are monitoring the situation carefully but have taken no actions to limit travel to or from Laos. NAHICO has set up an Influenza hotline that may be reached by dialing 166 in Laos.

For further information about H1N1 flu, including steps you can take to stay healthy, please consult the Department of State information at http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_pandemic.html, the United States Centers for Disease Control 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 www.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 (name of country) 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 Laos. 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 Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy Vientiane, Laos, is located at Rue Bartholonie, That Dam, Vientiane, Lao PDR (near That Dam Stupa), and the telephone number is +856-21-267-000. Recorded Emergency Information can be obtained by calling at +856-21-267-111.

American Citizen Services Unit Window Hours are Monday to Friday, 1:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m. On Monday and Friday mornings we are also open 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The U.S. Embassy in Vientiane is closed for the following upcoming Lao and American holidays:

May 1, Lao Labor Day
May 25, Memorial Day
July 3, Independence Day

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