

To Our Valued Customers

Swine Flu Update

Over the weekend, the White House held a press conference with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and a public health emergency was announced.

With the potential for a flu epidemic, I want to make sure you know that Sysco is ready for any scenario this flu may bring.

Sysco is Prepared

All of Sysco's companies have access to a specially-designed Sysco Web site and step-by-step plan for maintaining operations should a flu epidemic or pandemic occur. **At this time our companies are activating their response plan.**

We are preparing for this just as we would prepare for a potential hurricane. With a hurricane, it may be coming or it may not. It may be a category 1 or category 5. We have to be prepared for all scenarios. At present there is no human pandemic, but being prepared is critical.

Straight Facts

We want to assure you that we are monitoring this situation closely. Furthermore, it's important that you know that our products are safe. Here is some of the latest information we have received...

According to the CDC and DHS:

- People cannot get this influenza from eating any food product including pork or pork products, poultry, or fresh produce. Most influenza viruses, including the swine flu virus, are not spread by food. Eating properly handled and cooked pork products is safe.
- There are no food safety issues related to this flu that have been identified, according to DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano.
- Preliminary investigations have determined that none of the people infected with this flu had contact with hogs.
- The virus is contagious and is spreading by human-to-human transmission.

Additional information can be found at www.cdc.gov/swineflu.

Rest Assured

Sysco has a crisis response team and plan. We will stay in contact with our customers as this situation develops. If you have questions, please contact your Sysco Marketing Associate.