

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY (H1N1) DISASTER DECLARATION

Caribou County, Idaho

Resolution # 09-04

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared on June 11, 2009 that the world is now at the start of the 2009 influenza pandemic involving the novel influenza virus H1N1, including the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, , there is risk to life and the continuation of Critical Public Services as a result of the further potential cases of H1N1 influenza throughout the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) have collaborated with the State of Idaho and other states to enact a community-level preventive vaccination campaign in order to alleviate a widespread public health risk; and

WHEREAS, pandemic influenza is a contagious virus and is spreading throughout Caribou County; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern District Health Department, a special district serving on behalf of its participant counties is acting in partnership with Caribou County, the local public and private medical care providers, and local responder organizations to plan for, implement and mitigate the impact of said influenza pandemic; and

WHEREAS the influenza pandemic has affected the county's ability to protect, maintain and deliver critical services to its citizens despite the best efforts of the County, the Municipalities within the County and the Special Taxing Districts serving the citizens of Caribou County

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Caribou County Board of Commissioners, by virtue of the authority vested in us by Section 46-1008(2) of the Idaho Code that a state of emergency as described in Sections 46-601 and 46-1008 exists within Caribou County.


THE BOARD FURTHER FINDS that the nature of said public health emergency is the occurrence and imminent threat of widespread public illness and its negative impact to key resources and critical community services as well as potential for influenza-related deaths. The emergency nature of the described disaster situation is compounded by the anticipated resource shortfalls beyond the capability of the County, Municipalities within the County, and Special Taxing Districts that provide critical services to the citizens of Caribou County, and may require expending non-budgeted funds in order to mitigate said emergency.

We, the Board of Commissioners of Caribou County therefore notify the State of Idaho that a State of emergency/disaster exists within Caribou County. This local declaration is being implemented


in order to facilitate extraordinary action by Caribou County, its agencies and municipalities in cooperation with the Southeastern District Health Department and other actions as necessary to complete the emergency public vaccination campaign and successfully mitigate this emergency pandemic. At this time Caribou County is not seeking specific resources or assistance from the State of Idaho, beyond assistance in facilitation of funding assistance/cost recovery if possible.

This Declaration will remain in effect for a period of 30 days from date of signing, unless withdrawn or cancelled prior to the 30 day expiration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the seal of Caribou County Commissioners at 4:00pm (time) on this 23 day of October, 2009.

  
(Commissioner), Chairman

Attest:

  
(County), Clerk

