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CAMBODIA ON HIGH ALERT AND READY TO ACTIVATE PANDEMIC PLAN,
says Ministry of Health and World Health Organization, Phnom Penh, Apr 30 4:00PM

With the World Health Organization yesterday raising the global pandemic alert to Phase 5 on an international scale of six, Cambodia is now intensifying its pandemic preparedness efforts.

To date there have been no cases of H1N1 (swine) influenza reported in Cambodia. Officials are watching closely for unusual outbreaks of influenza-like illness and severe pneumonia.

In line with the Royal Government's National Comprehensive Influenza Plan, the Ministry of Health and WHO today jointly convened a technical briefing session for Government, UN agencies, donors, NGOs and other partners to ensure proper information flow and coordination in all sectors.

Representatives from the Ministry of Health, National Centre for Disaster Management, United Nations Agencies, Cambodian Red Cross, and MediCam also met to form a pandemic communications taskforce in order to synchronize public hygiene messages.

The Ministry of Health has issued the following public health instructions:

How to Protect Yourself and Others from H1N1 (Swine) Influenza

- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or elbow
- Wash your hands often with soap
- Do not spit in public

All members of the public who have travelled to an infected area or who have come into contact with someone from an infected area and who display the following symptoms (fever, headache, lethargy, coughing, sore throat, running nose, nausea, vomiting and/ or diarrhea) are strongly advised to stay at home and phone the Pandemic Preparedness Hotline; **012 489 981** or **089 669 567** for advice.

The Ministry of Health will continue to issue regular situation reports via its website www.cdcmoh.gov.kh . Please check the site regularly for status updates.

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