

QUESTIONS FOR TRANSIT MANAGERS TO CONSIDER IN REFERENCE TO OPERATIONAL RESPONSE TO SWINE FLU CONCERNS

- Is my transit agency located in an area of the United States where data indicates there is a higher than normal swine flu risk based on identified cases of swine flu infection?
- Does my transit agency transport passengers that may have a higher than normal risk of susceptibility to swine flu infection?
- Does my transit agency receive regular updates and guidance on swine flu response from local or regional emergency management personnel?
- Has my transit agency developed a plan, policy or set of protocols that will guide operational response to the risk of swine flu infection in regard to employees, passengers, and other members of the community?
- Has my transit agency distributed information to all employees that will help them protect themselves from the risk of swine flu infection?
- Has my transit agency developed an operational reporting and response procedure when there is a concern that an employee or passenger has been infected by the swine flu?
- Should my transit agency consider advising all operational employees who have regular contact with the public to wear protective gloves or other protective equipment when carrying out certain activities while on duty?
- Should my transit agency consider providing all operational employees with alcohol based disposable wipes or gel sanitizers for frequent hand cleaning use while on duty?
- Should my transit agency consider extra cleaning and disinfecting of the interior of transit vehicles to help maintain a healthy environment?

Answering these and other important operational questions in regard to transit agency operational response to swine flu infection risk can be assisted by coordinating with local or regional emergency management personnel and by going to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/swineflu.

For information to help transit employees develop a personal and family emergency preparedness plan, go to the Volpe website at <http://transitsafety.volpe.dot.gov/epg/default.htm>