

Dear Participants,

A suspected case of infection of a RoboCup 2009 participant with A/H1N1, the so-called "swine-flu", has been confirmed. The team of the affected person was isolated and is under medical observation and no symptoms have been found in any team member beyond the confirmed case. For participants and visitors the health officials inform that there is no reason for concern. An early-warning system was installed and all responsible persons were informed and made aware. The organizers are in continuous exchange with the official entities. As we have been officially advised, the competitions can therefore continue as planned.

What are the symptoms of A/H1N1?

- **Fever** ($> 38^{\circ}\text{C}$, i.e. $> 100\text{ F}$) und acute respiratory (coughing, sneezing, runny nose – rhinitis -, sore throat)
- **Pneumonia**

Additionally, close contact with an infected person with existing symptoms.

Close contact means:

... that the infected person lives in a joint household or has been at a distance of less than 1 meter for longer than 4 hours.

...that airplane passengers have been sitting in the same row or up to two rows ahead or behind an infected person.

What to do in case of suspicion?

- Be aware of fever and respiratory symptoms. If you discover the symptoms listed above, contact the health center at the present venue, or your doctor.

What is the risk of infection?

The infection risk without close contact with the infected person is considered minor according to the information from the official health entities. The overwhelming majority of the participants and visitors did not have any contact with the affected person. The team of the affected person (11 people) – are under medical observation for precaution, and so far found completely free of symptoms.

What precautions to take?

- Wash your hands as often as possible and definitely before you eat.
- Avoid being exposed to sneezing and if you are sneezing, cover your mouth.
- Dispose carefully of used tissues.

We will inform you of any additional news if needed.