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NEWS RELEASE

SWINE INFLUENZA INFORMATION

PHOENIX, AZ (April 29, 2009) – The Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) has received several inquiries related to the swine influenza and its potential impact on upcoming region and state tournament games.

Earlier today, the University Interscholastic League (UIL), the state association in Texas, suspended play until May 11 after discussions with the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Texas Education Agency.

The AIA, at this time, has not postponed any AIA state tournaments and/or regular season games based on concerns related to the Swine Flu. The AIA staff has been and is in communication with the AZ Department of Health Services and will monitor the situation as it develops.

The AIA places the safety and health of all involved in AIA athletics and activities as the utmost priority. If school closures are determined to be necessary as a preventive measure the AIA will respond appropriately in postponing or cancelling any state tournament contests that are set to conclude May 16, 2009.

Below are additional resources for information related to the swine flu:

Community Information and Referral, local public-inquiry hotline, 602-263-8856 or 1-800-352-3792

Maricopa County Public Health Department, preparedness information, www.wearepublichealth.org

Arizona Department of Public Health, statewide swine-flu updates, www.azdhs.gov

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, national influenza updates, www.cdc.gov/swineflu/

World Health Organization, public health arm of the United Nations, <http://www.who.int/en/>

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