

Summary

- President Felipe Calderón Hinojosa asked Mexicans to remain their homes with their families from May 1st to the 5th, since it's the most secure place to avoid contagion.
- Secretary of Health, Jose Angel Cordova Villalobos, announced government activities will be suspended from May 1st to the 5th. Nonessential work and services of the productive sector will also be suspended. Markets, grocery stores, banks, pharmacies, gas stations, garbage collection and restaurants. will remain open. Airports and highways will also maintain operations.
- Marcelo Ebrard announced that the local government will also suspend nonessential governmental activities from May 1st to the 5th, in the same line as the federal administration measures.
- Mexico city's Health Secretariat informed this Thursday that the number of deaths with swine flu symptomatology rose to 28, however only in five cases has swine flu been confirmed as the cause.
- The operation of 115 health caravans in the Federal District and the state of Mexico for the fast detection of swine flu has started.
- SHCP stated that, if this contingency lasts a trimester, the impact on the GNP could be between the 0,3 and the 0,5 percent.
- Deloitte affirmed that in Mexico only one of 10 companies has a contingency plan to deal with epidemic outbreaks such as the present one.
- A Mercer survey of 25 leading pharmaceutical and consumer goods companies in Mexico revealed that only 11% had decided to suspend office operations completely, whereas 41% are allowing employees to work from home. On the other hand, 82% have suspended their external and internal meetings and 52% are returning home all personnel with symptoms..
- The federal government is prepared to deal with 1,5 to two million 2009 influenza H1N1swine cases. The National Epidemiology Monitoring Center will make use of its accumulated reserves, which consist of 1,1 million treatments, and will buy 400 thousands more treatments. The director of the Center said that, if necessary, he will suspend the antiviral patents.
- The PAN and the PRD have requested a review of the election calendar, whereas the PRI does not consider this necessary.