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## SUMMARY

### Contacto en Medios

- SSA: 1.112 laboratory confirmed cases of influenza A, including 42 deaths.
- WHO: 2.371 confirmed cases in 24 countries, including 44 deaths.
- WHO: the virus of influenza A could infect a third of the world population, they also pointed out that it is safe to eat pork.
- SSA expressed its concern that the population may lower their guard, since some local governments have taken a more flexible approach and reduced measures in order to return activities to normal.
- The Secretary of Treasury admitted that Mexico is in recession. The economy will decrease 4,1% this year (0,3% will be a result of the influenza outbreak). Due to the health contingency, Mexico contracted credits with the World Bank increased from 4 to 5.5 billion, and with the I.A.D.B. from 2 to 3 billion.
- Nineteen hotels in the Mayan Riviera and Cancun temporarily closed due to the low occupation rates and the economic losses generated by influenza A (H1N1).
- The Secretariat of Agriculture announced it will invest 45 million pesos in campaigns to promote the national pork industry, which in only two weeks suffered losses of 480 million pesos and stopped commercializing 240 thousand pigs.
- Confederation of National Commerce, Services and Tourism Chambers (Concanaco-Servytur): commercial establishment sales dropped 60%. The closing of commerce, restaurants, museums, cinemas, entertainment and public centers in all the country resulted in losses to the amount of 12,645 million pesos (0.7% of the GNP generated by the commerce, service and tourism sectors).
- The Head of the UNAM, Jose Narro, stated that the University is working in the development of a vaccine against influenza A, in collaboration with a national company and Birmex (where the state has a majoritarian participation).