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Dear Citizen Corps Council Members:

The current outbreak of H1N1 (swine origin) flu in New York City and across the nation and the world reminds us that we are all vulnerable to new strains of influenza that may surface at any time.

The New York City Health Department and the New York City Office of Emergency Management developed a pandemic flu guide as part of the Ready New York emergency preparedness program. The guide is available in 23 languages, as well as audio tape. Guides and additional information can be downloaded from [NYC.gov/health](http://NYC.gov/health) and [NYC.gov/oem](http://NYC.gov/oem) or via 311. If you would like to order guides, please fill out the attached form and send it back to us.

The guide reviews common-sense health practices to avoid the flu, including:

- Covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, and encouraging others to do the same.
- Washing hands thoroughly and frequently with soap and water.
- Avoiding contact with people who are obviously sick.
- Staying home from work or school if you are sick and avoiding contact with others as much as possible.

Thank you for working with us to prevent the spread of influenza.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph F. Bruno".

Joseph F. Bruno  
Commissioner, OEM

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas R. Frieden".

Thomas R. Frieden, MD, MPH  
Commissioner, DOHMH



To order OEM’s Ready New York guide for Pandemic Flu, please fill in the form below and fax it to 718-422-8451 or email it to [readyny@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:readyny@oem.nyc.gov)

If you have additional questions, please contact Amber Greene, Ready New York Program Manager, at [agreene@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:agreene@oem.nyc.gov).

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Please note: Albanian, Czech, Hebrew, Hindi, Japanese, Portuguese, Romanian, Tagalog and Vietnamese versions of the Pandemic Flu guide are available at [NYC.gov/oem](http://NYC.gov/oem).