

WorldPass Travel Group H1N1 Flu Update

In response to the recent outbreak of a unique strand of flu commonly referred to as Swine Flu, WorldPass Travel Group issues the following statement:

Swine flu is a respiratory virus that typically occurs in pigs. Like the many forms of influenza that occur in humans, it mutates constantly, creating new strains. It is sometimes transmitted to humans who have close contact with the animals (such as farm-workers.) As this outbreak spreads from Mexico to other parts of the world, we see that most confirmed cases outside of Mexico are mild and treatable like other illnesses. The symptoms are similar to the symptoms of regular seasonal flu: fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue.

The health and well-being of our student and youth travelers is our paramount concern, and WorldPass Travel Group continues to work with government agencies to communicate the facts about the H1N1 virus in a responsible way. Presently, the CDC has not issued any travel restrictions or travel warnings for travel within the United States or Hawaii. Meanwhile, WorldPass Travel Group will continue to provide travel services to students to Washington D.C., New York City, Orlando, southern California and other destinations within the United States. There have been no outbreaks of the H1N1 flu resulting from any of these tours.

Some of our travelers have purchased the optional travel insurance through Travel Insured International for travel packages. Should one of our traveling participants contract the flu prior to the trip, the traveler should not travel and the cancellation insurance will cover reimbursement for cancellation fees. Please visit the [notice](#) on our website for complete information and details.

WorldPass Travel Group suggests adherence to the recommendations in a recent statement issued by the White House about how to avoid the H1N1 flu: “Americans should take the same steps to avoid swine flu that one would take to prevent any other flu: keep hands washed, cover your mouth when you cough, stay home from work if you’re sick, and keep sick children home from school.” (CNN.com 4/30/09.)

WorldPass Travel Group will continue to monitor news from the CDC, federal and state government agencies in order to provide the most accurate information to our traveling clients.

Thanks again for traveling with WorldPass Travel Group.

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