

S44-2 **Basic policy and guideline for prevention of current novel influenza virus A (H1N1)**

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The government has been sparing no effort in its response to the incidence of novel Influenza A (H1N1), raised first in Mexico in April, 2009, recognizing that this incidence represents a critical issue in national crisis management. The government has also coordinated and cooperated with local authorities, medical institutions, businesses and relevant organizations, requesting cooperation from the general public. The government has made best efforts to collect information both domestically as well as abroad, and provide swift and accurate information to the public by engaging in close international cooperation and striving to gather information on the responses by WHO and other countries. The Minister for Health, Labour and Welfare has determined separately the practical guidelines concerning the means to ensure that necessary medical care is available.