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SUBJECT: PANDEMIC INFLUENZA AND OVERSEAS SCHOOLS

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1. This is an ACTION REQUEST. This cable contains guidance for posts on pandemic issues related to overseas schools. Management officers: Please share with CLO. Septels containing updated guidance in other areas, including tripwires, will be sent later in the summer.

2. As the number of cases of novel Influenza A (H1N1) increased last spring, the Office of Overseas Schools sent a letter to all Department-assisted schools directing them to the A/OPR/OS website for information on addressing infectious diseases/pandemic flu. A/OPR/OS also sent a copy of the letter to management officers urging them to make this information available to schools not assisted by the Department but attended by U.S. citizen students. Given the possibility of an increase in the number of cases of H1N1 worldwide this fall, posts are asked to again perform liaison with schools attended by U.S. citizens. Management officers may want to consult with consular sections and community liaison officers to identify such schools, as well as other academic institutions that should receive the information.

3. Posts are asked to coordinate with the education ministry in the host country as well as with schools to learn about emergency pandemic planning and to refer them to the comprehensive guidance on the A/OPR/OS website at www.state.gov/m/a/os/c17197.htm, the Centers for Disease Control website at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/schools>, which outlines resources for schools, as well as

