

**Panda Restaurant Group Respond to the H1N1 Flu  
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The health and safety of our guests and associates are of utmost importance to Panda Restaurant Group and our family of restaurants including Panda Express, Panda Inn and Hibachi-San. Our restaurant associates follow strict sanitation and hygiene guidelines and will continue to do so during and beyond this incident. It is important to remember that the H1N1 Flu can not be spread through food. One can not get H1N1 flu from eating pork or pork products. Eating properly handled and cooked pork products is safe. PRG is maintaining heightened vigilance over this health situation and will do all we can to protect the health and safety of our guests and associates.

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Q: What is PRG doing to ensure the safety of its guests and associates?**

A: The health and safety of our associates and guests are of utmost importance. All associates handling food are held to strict sanitation guidelines. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the best way to prevent the spread of the flu is through frequent sanitation and hand washing.

- Our associates must wash their hands with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds after each task. Alcohol based anti-bacterial sanitation solution is available to all associates.

- The best way to prevent any illness is through proper sanitation and washing. In addition, all our food is cooked to at least 165 degrees. This virus can not survive in environment above 160 degrees. It is completely safe to eat food cooked at all PRG restaurants.

- Vegetables are washed and cut fresh in our stores.

- Associates with the slightest symptoms of illness are directed to stay at home and seek medical attention. Associates may only return to work with a doctor's note clearing him/her of any illness.

**Q: Is it safe to eat at Panda Express, Panda Inn and Hibachi-San restaurants?**

A: Yes. According to Department of Health and Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, the H1N1 Flu is not a food borne illness. It can not be spread through food. Eating properly handled and cooked food, such as pork, is completely safe.

**Q: Is it still safe to eat pork?**

A: Yes, pork is safe to eat. In addition, one can not catch H1N1 Flu from food, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists. Also, there is no evidence that touching raw pork infected with the virus poses a risk, the USDA says. Cooking pork to an internal temperature of 160 degrees kills all viruses.

**Q: Does PRG and its family of restaurants purchase any food products from Mexico?**

A: Yes. However, it is important to remember that the H1N1 Flu is not a food born illness. H1N1 Flu cannot be spread through properly handled and cooked food, such as pork. PRG ensures that all our food is safe and we work closely with our suppliers to ensure that all standard and met or exceeded.

**Q; What can we do to stay healthy?**

A: The CDC recommends the public takes the measures listed below to ensure their health and safety during this, and all flu-like situations.

- Influenza is thought to **spread mainly person-to-person** through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- **Take everyday actions to stay healthy.**
  - Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
  - Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
  - Stay home if you get sick. CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- **Follow public health advice** regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures.
- **Develop a family emergency plan** as a precaution. This should include storing a supply of food, medicines, facemasks, alcohol-based hand rubs and other essential supplies.
- Call 1-800-CDC-INFO for more information.