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SWINE INFLUENZA ON THE RISE

May 3rd, 2009 – Given the numerous news stories of increasing cases of swine flu specifically in the United States, and the announcement by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that swine influenza is now a public health emergency in the United States (<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/04/20090426a.html>), Microflex® Corporation (Lake Forest, IL), a division of BarrierSafe Solutions International® (BSSI), a leading provider of latex and synthetic hand protection, is providing the following recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.

There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like influenza. Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

- 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 hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get sick with influenza, CDC recommends staying home from work or school and limiting contact with others to keep from infecting them.

More information on swine influenza can be found at CDC's website.
http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/swineflu_you.htm

For further information, an informative Q&A piece from the Associated Press can be viewed at http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20090428/ap_on_he_me/med_healthbeat_swine_flu_q_a.

About Microflex®

Microflex® Corporation, with offices in Reno, NV and Lake Forest, IL, is among the world's leading suppliers of latex and synthetic hand protection to many industries. Microflex provides reliable, high quality disposable gloves and has been recognized by numerous organizations for extraordinary service, product innovation and customer education. For more information, visit www.microflex.com.



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About BarrierSafe Solutions International

BSSI is a leading developer and marketer of branded disposable hand protection and related products. The company offers an extensive selection of high quality disposable gloves and other specialized products for a diverse range of growing markets, including the foodservice, dental, laboratory, emergency medical services, non-acute healthcare, automotive and general industrial segments, in which branding, quality, innovation and features are key differentiators that drive end-user demand and loyalty. For more information, visit www.barriersafe.com.

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