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Jackson ready

With the recent outbreak of the H1N1 virus (swine flu) and the upcoming start of hurricane season, I want to reassure Miami-Dade County residents that Jackson Health System is prepared to handle any type of crisis. The hospital system has disaster procedures in place that are practiced and tested by all employees.

Jackson has the resources to provide the highest quality medical care. It is home to Ryder Trauma Center, the only certified Level 1 trauma center in Miami-Dade; and Holtz Children's Hospital, one of the largest children's hospitals in the southeastern United States.

When dealing with a public-health issue such as swine flu, Jackson Health System works closely with the county's Health Department and the Florida Department of Health. The hospital's administration, employees, union leaders and academic affiliates ensure the health and safety of all the county's residents.

In its 90-year history, Jackson has proven to be a leader in healthcare in Miami and the nation.

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