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EMBARGOED MEDIA ADVISORY

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**PIMA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO TAKE COMMENTS ON
ETHICAL ISSUES SURROUNDING PANDEMIC FLU PLANNING**

Tucson, AZ – Thursday, September 11, 2008 – The Pima County Health Department, in collaboration with community partners, will be hosting an “invitation only” gathering to receive comments on the ethical issues surrounding pandemic flu planning. The focus of the meeting will concern prioritization for the receipt of vaccine, distribution of goods and supplies, and the potential impacts of self-imposed or mandated quarantine and isolation.

The event will be held Saturday, September 13, 2008 at the Holiday Inn, 4550 S. Palo Verde, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Michelle McDonald, M.D., Chief Medical Officer for the Pima County Health Department will host the meeting. Key note speaker will be Bob England, M.D., MPH, Director, Maricopa County Department of Public Health. Both Dr. England and Dr. McDonald will be available at 8:30 a.m. for questions.

As the topics of meeting can and may elicit emotional responses from attendees, print and broadcast media will be welcome during the first ten minutes of the discussions. Organizers are then requesting media representatives quietly exit the room.

Attached is the list of questions that will be discussed. The Health Department is encouraging broader public participation by completion of the questionnaire available via the Health Department’s website www.pimahealth.org.

**PLEASE EMBARGO THIS ADVISORY UNTIL 1:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008**

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