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CINCO DE MAYO CANCELLED DUE TO HEALTH CONCERNS

“UMOS management has decided to cancel Cinco de Mayo SpringFest. The festival will not be rescheduled for a later date in 2009, “says Rod Ritcherson, UMOs spokesperson.

The World Health organization has raised the threat for the Human Swine Flu to the pandemic 5 level. Yesterday, Mayor Barrett, in his press conference, stated that possible cases of Swine Flu have been identified in Milwaukee. Several schools have closed as a precaution.

Furthermore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has strongly urged organizations around the country to not conduct large events where there would be significant crowds.

“Based on this information, UMOs believes that the cancellation of our two-day festival is in the best interest of UMOs staff, volunteers, vendors, sponsors, festival goers and the greater Milwaukee community. Taking this health precaution was the primary factor in making this decision. We appreciate the cooperation and understanding of all those involved in the planning and implementation,” Ritcherson concluded.

UMOS is a nonprofit, advocacy organization that provides programs and services which improve the employment, educational, health and housing opportunities of under-served populations

