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Since news of the 'swine flu' outbreak first emerged in April, the virus (influenza A virus subtype H1N1) has spread across the globe and infected more than 20,000 people. The vast majority of confirmed infections were reported in the US and Mexico, according to World Health Organization (WHO) EPR updates. At the time of this printing, 108 confirmed cases were present in mainland China and Hong Kong. The Chinese government's rapid and vigorous response the H1N1 epidemic has evoked both international criticism and praise

- criticism for what some have called overreaction and praise for the government's turnaround since the SARS outbreak. Mistakes made in 2002 and 2003 during the SARS outbreak led to delayed containment of the infection and a consequent economic impact on the region. At the time, China received international criticism for its lack of transparency and forceful action in the beginning months, a crucial time for preventative measures to be

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