



JOHNSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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JOHNSON COUNTY CONFIRMS H1N1 DEATH

(OLATHE, KS – **OCTOBER 14, 2009**) – The Johnson County Health Department has confirmed the County's second H1N1 influenza virus death.

The death occurred in a 50-year old hospitalized female with no underlying health conditions. No additional information will be given about case specifics.

"We are deeply saddened to hear of the death of this individual," Lougene Marsh, Johnson County Health Department Director, said. "Our thoughts are with the family."

JCHD has received additional allotments of nasal spray as well as injectable H1N1 vaccine today. Individuals in priority groups wishing to be vaccinated should follow up with their healthcare provider to see if they are registered as a vaccine provider. At this time, the Health Department has not scheduled any public clinics, but will announce dates as vaccine becomes available.

JCHD strongly recommends individuals take standard precautions to avoid getting ill such as washing your hands with soap and water (or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer), covering your cough, and staying home when you are sick.

Symptoms of H1N1 influenza include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting.

For more information and updates, access JCHD's website at <http://health.jocogov.org> or call our flu hotline at (913) 826-1263 (Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

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