



JOHNSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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PROBABLE H1N1 FLU CASE IN JOHNSON COUNTY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(OLATHE, KS – **May 1, 2009, 4:20 PM**) – The Johnson County Health Department is announcing a probable case of H1N1 influenza.

The patient is isolated in a local hospital and is being appropriately treated. The Johnson County Health Department is following the guidance provided through CDC when dealing with a probable case. This includes a thorough case investigation and management of the patient and close contacts.

A specimen from the patient was sent to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) laboratory Thursday. Based on the results from KDHE testing, the specimen warranted further testing at CDC. Arrangements have been made to deliver the specimen to CDC for testing and health officials are awaiting word on when results can be expected, but it will likely be late this weekend or early next week. After KDHE receives the test results and communicates with the local health department, a news release will be issued. No additional information will be available on this probable case until final results are reported from CDC.

The Johnson County Health Department recommends individuals take standard precautions to avoid getting ill such as washing your hands, covering your cough, and staying home when you are sick. Travel to Mexico is also not recommended at this time.

Symptoms of H1N1 Influenza include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting. If you are experiencing these symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider.

For more information and updates, access JCHD's Website at <http://health.jocogov.org>.

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