



JOHNSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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H1N1 FLU CASE UPDATE IN JOHNSON COUNTY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(OLATHE, KS – **May 9, 2009**) – The Johnson County Health Department (JCHD) in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has confirmed two additional cases of H1N1 flu virus in Johnson County, Kansas, bringing the total number of cases to seven (three adults, four children). The patients continue to be appropriately treated.

The Johnson County Health Department is following the guidance provided through CDC and KDHE. This includes a thorough case investigation and management of the patient and close contacts.

No additional information on these cases is available at this time.

At this point in the outbreak, KDHE will no longer be testing flu specimens from Johnson County. Based on the number of cases identified in the County, it is clear that the virus is present and further testing from KDHE is not necessary. If individuals are experiencing flu-like symptoms, they should contact their healthcare provider for treatment. Healthcare providers are encouraged to report flu cases to the Johnson County Health Department as a means of monitoring the number of cases in the community.

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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