



## JOHNSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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### H1N1 FLU CASE UPDATE IN JOHNSON COUNTY

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(OLATHE, KS – **May 10, 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 nine (four adults, five 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.

As reported yesterday, KDHE will no longer be testing flu specimens from Johnson County. However, the cases being reported today involved specimens that had already been submitted to KDHE's laboratories and had started the testing process.

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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