

Friday, May 15, 2009 H1N1 Update

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Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) announced this afternoon that another New Hampshire resident has been diagnosed with H1N1 (swine) influenza. The newly confirmed case is an adult from Keene. The patient is doing well. DPHS is still in the process of conducting its investigation into this latest case.

Summary of New Hampshire Cases as of May 15, 2009 ***Nineteen cases of H1N1 Confirmed in New Hampshire***

- 1) Concord Hospital employee
- 2) Second Concord Hospital employee
- 3) Upper Valley resident
- 4) 3-year-old from greater Nashua area
- 5) 18-year-old Kearsarge High School student
- 6) 15-year-old New Hampton student
- 7) 13-year-old Nashua resident (attends school in Massachusetts)
- 8) 19-year-old Kearsarge High School student
- 9) Second 13-year-old Nashua resident
- 10) Derry resident
- 11) Rochester resident
- 12) 10-year-old Bedford resident
- 13) Nashua resident
- 14) Hudson resident
- 15) 11-year-old Keene resident
- 16) 12-year-old Nashua resident (attends school out of state)
- 17) 7-year-old Upper Valley resident
- 18) 11-year-old Keene resident
- 19) adult Keene resident

Samples tested

Through Friday afternoon, the DHHS Public Health Labs have completed testing on 818 samples. Of these, 748 tested negative for seasonal flu and H1N1, 22 samples tested positive for seasonal flu, and 19 tested positive for H1N1.

DHHS wants to remind everyone to stay home from work or school if you feel sick; cover your mouth and nose with your sleeve when you cough or sneeze; and wash your hands frequently, especially before eating or preparing food. These steps can help prevent the spread of H1N1 flu and many other illnesses.

For questions about H1N1, possible symptoms, travel information, or other issues related to this illness residents can call 1-888-330-6764 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily. For more information on H1N1 flu, visit www.dhhs.nh.gov or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu.