

### Wednesday, May 20, 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 another New Hampshire resident has been diagnosed with H1N1 (swine) influenza. The newly confirmed case is a 12- year-old from Pelham. This child does not attend school in New Hampshire. This additional case is further evidence of ongoing community transmission of this virus. DPHS is still in the process of investigating this case.

“Even though this child does not attend school in our State,” said Public Health Director Dr. Jose Montero, “it is important to remember viruses are transmitted in many other places and methods besides school classrooms. We want to encourage people to continue to take the simple precautions that will help prevent the spread of this illness.”

#### **Summary of New Hampshire Cases as of May 20, 2009** ***Twenty-three 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) Keene resident
- 20) Adult from Greater Salem area
- 21) 10-year-old Nashua resident
- 22) 4-year-old Londonderry resident
- 23) 12-year-old Pelham resident (attends school out of state)

#### **Samples tested**

Through Wednesday afternoon, the DHHS Public Health Labs have completed testing on 883 samples. Of these, 838 tested negative for seasonal flu and H1N1, 22 samples tested positive for seasonal flu, and 23 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 603-271-4496. The public inquiry line has been shut down. For more information on H1N1 flu, visit [www.dhhs.nh.gov](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov) or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at [www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu](http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu).