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Thursday, May 7, 2009 H1N1 Update

CDC Confirms Third H1N1 (Swine) Flu Diagnosis in NH Resident; Additional Information on Two New Probable Cases of H1N1 Virus

Concord, NH – Dr. José Montero, the Director of Public Health at the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has announced confirmation of a third New Hampshire resident diagnosed with H1N1 influenza. DHHS received the confirmation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This diagnosis of H1N1 is in an Upper Valley resident who was considered a probable case pending final confirmation of test samples sent to the CDC. DHHS is also announcing two new probable cases that are currently being tested for H1N1. The latest cases are an adult from Rochester and a 10 year old from Bedford. The Division of Public Health (DPHS) has determined there are no potential exposures in the case of the Rochester resident; the case from Bedford is still being investigated.

Summary of New Hampshire Cases as of May 7, 2009

Three cases of H1N1 Confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The CDC has confirmed H1N1 influenza in two Concord Hospital employees and a resident from the Upper Valley.

Eight Probable Cases Awaiting Confirmation

New Hampshire is currently awaiting confirmation of H1N1 virus in the following cases:

- 18-year-old Kearsarge High School student
- 15-year-old New Hampton School student
- 13-year-old Nashua resident (attends school in Massachusetts)
- 19-year-old Kearsarge High School student
- Second 13-year-old Nashua resident
- Derry resident
- Rochester resident
- 10-year-old Bedford resident

Samples tested

Through Thursday afternoon, the DHHS Public Health Labs completed testing on 549 samples. Of these, 519 tested negative for seasonal flu and H1N1, 19 samples tested positive for seasonal flu, the remaining 11 are detailed in the data above.

DHHS wants to remind everyone to stay home from work or school if you feel sick; cover your mouth and

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nose with your sleeve when you cough or sneeze; and wash your hands. These steps can help stop the spread of illness.

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

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