

Thursday, May 14, 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 an 11-year-old from Keene. The child is doing well and recovering at home. DPHS is still in the process of conducting its investigation into this latest case.

Summary of New Hampshire Cases as of May 14, 2009 ***Eighteen cases of H1N1 Confirmed in New Hampshire***

Concord Hospital employee
Second Concord Hospital employee
Upper Valley resident
3-year-old from greater Nashua area
18-year-old Kearsarge High School student
15-year-old New Hampton 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
Nashua resident
Hudson resident
11-year-old Keene resident
12-year-old Nashua resident (attends school out of state)
7-year-old Upper Valley resident
11-year-old Keene resident

Samples tested

Through Thursday afternoon, the DHHS Public Health Labs completed testing on 780 samples. Of these, 740 tested negative for seasonal flu and H1N1, 22 samples tested positive for seasonal flu, and 18 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. These steps can help prevent 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.