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Wednesday, May 6, 2009 H1N1 Update

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is announcing today another probable case of H1N1 (swine flu) in a New Hampshire resident. This latest case is an adult from Derry. The Division of Public Health (DPHS) has determined that the patient was not at work while they were infectious, so no other exposures have been identified in connection with this individual. The patient has received treatment and is recovering at home. All identified confirmed and probable cases in New Hampshire are recovering from this illness and doing well.

Summary of New Hampshire Cases as of May 6, 2009

Two cases so far of H1N1 Confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The CDC has confirmed H1N1 influenza in two Concord Hospital employees.

Seven Probable Cases Awaiting Confirmation

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

- An Upper Valley resident
- 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

Samples tested

Through Wednesday afternoon, the DHHS Public Health Labs completed testing on 408 samples. Of these, 381 tested negative for seasonal flu and H1N1, 18 samples tested positive for seasonal flu, and the 9 others 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 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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