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Employee Update

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Southwest Health District reports as of 3:30 a.m. today:

- No new Georgia cases of Swine Flu H1N1 virus have been reported by the state or CDC.
- Southwest Health District has no confirmed cases of Swine Flu H1N1.
- Southwest Health has not received any new results back on specimens shipped to the State Public Health lab for testing.
- CDC is reporting 642 confirmed human infections with novel H1N1 flu in 41 states in the United States.
- An additional 845 probable cases have been reported from 42 states nationwide. CDC will not be reporting probable cases at the state level.
- CDC confirmed the second death in the U.S. resulting from this outbreak. It occurred in Texas.
- New guidelines released by the CDC for K-12 schools no longer recommend automatic 14-day closures. To see the new guidelines, go to www.southwestgeorgiapublichealth.org and click on the CDC Swine Flu widget or go to the CDC's web page, www.cdc.org, and follow its Swine Flu H1N1 links.
- Southwest Health District has assisted in distributing viral transport kits for specimens to health departments, along with all other materials being made available by state and federal authorities.
- Southwest Health District's Emergency Operations Center continues to monitor Swine Flu H1N1-related activities, to respond to inquiries from partner agencies and individuals and to post regular updates on our web page.
- Southwest Health District understands that new specimens are being collected for testing within the district and that we may receive them for shipment to the state lab today.

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- Employee N95 fit testing concluded today. Guidelines on glove use have been distributed to all employees as a proactive measure.
- The state may release new information about Georgia cases during a 4 p.m. press conference in Atlanta today.

More information on H1N1 is available from the toll-free information line, 1-888-899-9788, or by going online to www.southwestgeorgiapublichealth.org or www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/.

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