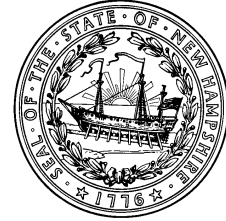


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DHHS Confirms Rise in Cases of H1N1 in New Hampshire

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) announced this afternoon that the number of confirmed cases of H1N1 (swine) influenza in New Hampshire is now 39.

“This is clear evidence that H1N1 is still very much here in our communities,” said Public Health Director Dr. Jose Montero. All cases are recovering without complications.

62% of the cases in New Hampshire were diagnosed in people under the age of 18. “This is not the time to let our guard down,” said Montero. “We can’t stress enough that if a child is sick or not feeling well, they should not attend school or any other activities where there is the potential to expose others to this illness. Currently there are no clusters or outbreaks detected or reported in any school in the State. We continue to work with the educational community, however, and have recommended heightened awareness of influenza-like illness.”

DHHS continues to recommend that everyone 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. These steps can help prevent the spread of H1N1 and other illnesses.

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 4:30 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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