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“SWINE FLU” CASE CONFIRMED
Allen County is confirming it’s first case of H1N1 Influenza

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The Allen County Health Department reports that there has been a case of novel influenza virus H1N1 Influenza, “Swine-like Flu” confirmed in an Allen County resident. The communicable disease team at the Allen County Health Department had become aware of a possible case on Friday, June 26th, 2009 and received verification on Wednesday, July 1, 2009 that the case was confirmed by the State Laboratory as an H1N1, Swine-like Flu, infection. The patient had traveled out of state and became ill upon return. The patient has been treated with anti-virals, was not hospitalized, and is expected to make a complete recovery from the infection. No other information will be released about the patient, in order to protect their privacy.

“We are not incredibly surprised about this reported case. As many cases as have been scattered across the state, and the United States, we knew that it was not a matter of if we would have a case, but when we would have a case.”, stated Health Department Administrator Donnie Fitzpatrick.

“We remind the public that panic does not prevent infection with the flu. Thorough hand-washing, social distancing, covering your coughs and sneezes, staying home if you feel sick and especially if you have a fever, and getting a flu shot every year is the best prevention against the flu virus,” said Preparedness Planner Jennifer Fugate.

If you have any questions or concerns about influenza prevention, please call the Allen County Health Department at 270-237-4423. Information is also posted online at www.allencountyhealth.org.

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