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Village of Skokie

May 1, 2009

For Immediate Release

H1N1 Swine-Origin Influenza Update

The Village of Skokie Health Department has been informed by the Illinois Department of Public Health of a probable case of H1N1 swine-origin influenza in a four-year-old Skokie resident. The patient was tested at an area hospital but is now at home, doing well and recovering. The Skokie Health Department is notifying those who might have been exposed and are at risk of acquiring the infection.

The Skokie Health Department is working closely with regional, state and federal officials to stop the spread of H1N1 swine-origin influenza cases in Illinois. Now is the time for residents to take steps to ensure that illness does not spread within the Skokie community.

The Skokie Health Department encourages all residents to practice the following:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water to prevent illness. Teach your children this, too.
- Anyone who is sick should stay home and get better. Do not spread illness at work, at school, at a store, at your house of worship or anywhere.
- If you or a loved one has a fever over 100 degrees, a cough or trouble breathing, call your doctor or other health care provider.
- If you have a respiratory illness, cough or sneeze into a tissue and discard it promptly. Teach your children this, too.

The Skokie Health Department is communicating with area hospitals, physicians, local schools and other community partners to ensure that important health and safety messages reach the public. Critical information will be posted on the Village web site and updated as necessary, along with updates to 1660 AM Skokie radio station and to recorded information at 847/675-INFO (4636). For email news alerts, sign up for SkokieNews at www.skokie.org.

H1N1 swine-origin influenza symptoms in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with H1N1 swine-origin influenza. Anti-viral medications have proven effective in treating H1N1 swine-origin influenza.

For more information on H1N1 swine-origin influenza please visit the Centers for Disease Control web site at www.cdc.gov/swineflu. With other questions call the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.

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