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Insurance Services Office (ISO) Class
One Fire Department

State of Illinois Certified Health
Department

Tree City U.S.A. Distinction

Gold Level Clean Air Counts
Community

Skokie Health Department Swine Flu Update *- No known cases in Skokie; preparedness urged -*

The Skokie Health Department is working closely with regional, state and federal officials to prepare for the possibility of swine flu cases in Illinois. At present, there are no known cases of swine flu in the Chicago Metropolitan area, now is the time for Skokie residents to take steps to ensure that illness does not spread within the community.

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

- If you are sick, stay home and get better. Do not spread illness at work, at school, at a store, at your house of worship or anywhere. Protect yourself and protect others.
- People who believe they have swine flu symptoms should call their doctor or other health care provider, just as they would do if they suspected they had any type of flu.
- If you have a respiratory illness, cough or sneeze into a tissue and discard it promptly.
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and warm water.
- Teach these good habits to your children.

The Skokie Health Department is communicating with Skokie Hospital, area 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.

Thus far, there have been 21 confirmed cases of swine flu in humans in the United States. No deaths have been reported to date. This flu can be treated with readily available anti-viral medications. Swine flu 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 swine flu.

In the past, severe illness (pneumonia and respiratory failure) and deaths have been reported with swine flu infection in people. Like seasonal flu, swine flu may cause a worsening of underlying chronic medical conditions.

For additional information, please visit www.skokie.org, sign up for SkokieNews, listen to AM 1660 Skokie or call the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252. For more information on swine flu please visit the Illinois Department of Public Health web site at <http://www.idph.state.il.us/>.

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