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Allen County Health Department Update on H1N1 (Swine) Flu

LIMA – The Allen County Health Department continues to work with our public health partners to monitor the outbreak of H1N1 Flu– commonly referred to as swine flu. As of May 11, 2,618 cases have been confirmed nation-wide in 44 states; 7 cases have been confirmed in Ohio; and no cases have been confirmed in Allen County. Cultures from 3 suspect cases from Allen County have been tested by the Ohio Department of Health Laboratory and were negative for the H1N1 flu virus.

The Health Department is working to provide information to help health care providers, public officials and the public address the challenges posed by the new virus. Health department staff continues to work with local hospitals and physicians to monitor patients with flu-like symptoms.

Health department officials encourage everybody to stay informed and take every day actions to stay healthy:

- Stay home if you get sick. CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

Phone numbers for information:

Ohio Department of Health: 1-866-800-1404 – open daily from 8:00 am –5:00 pm

Allen County Health Department Information line (recorded message) – 419-228-INFO (4636) – Option #6

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