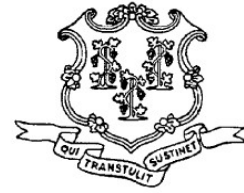


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DPH Announces Three New Probable Novel H1N1 Cases

Most H1N1 cases will be able to be treated at home

Hartford – The Department of Public Health (DPH) has identified three new probable cases of novel H1N1 flu (swine flu). The specimens received indicate that the people have non-subtypeable Influenza A, which means that the viruses are not regular seasonal influenza. The specimens are being forwarded to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to determine if the viruses are novel H1N1 flu.

The new probable cases are three children; a resident of Hartford, Ridgefield, and Pawcatuck. This case brings the total number of probable or confirmed cases of novel H1N1 flu in Connecticut to seventeen (four cases confirmed, one inconclusive, and 12 probable). All cases are recovering and did not require hospitalization.

“Tests conducted by our laboratory show that in addition to the new H1N1 viral strain there is still seasonal flu in Connecticut,” stated DPH Commissioner Dr. J. Robert Galvin. “The most effective ways to protect yourself and others from H1N1 and seasonal flu are by staying home if you’re sick, coughing or sneezing into your sleeve or a tissue, and washing your hands frequently with soap and water.”

To date, the Public Health Laboratory has tested 313 samples from Connecticut residents. Of those, 354 tested negative for Influenza A, 51 tested positive for seasonal flu, and 16 were non-subtypeables. One of the new probable cases was identified at a neighboring state’s laboratory.

The DPH continues to ask residents to take precautions to prevent getting the flu or spreading it by staying home from work or school if they are sick, washing their hands frequently, and coughing or sneezing into their sleeve or a tissue.

For more information on swine flu:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov
- Connecticut Flu Watch: www.ct.gov/ctfluwatch/swineflu
- Connecticut Department of Public Health: www.ct.gov/dph
- Call 2-1-1

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