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Swine Flu Update for Greene County, OH

(XENIA, OH) The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) continues to confirm only one case of swine flu involving a 9-year old boy from Lorain County in northern Ohio. The patient is considered to have a mild case of the disease and is recovering at home.

Symptoms of this swine flu virus closely resemble seasonal flu, and include fever, weakness, coughing and lack of appetite. There have been reports of people presenting flu-like symptoms to their health care provider. If the patient has been to Mexico or an area with a confirmed case of swine flu, the provider may perform a test for influenza A.

Currently, no other confirmed cases of swine flu have been reported in Greene County or Ohio.

ODH and local health departments are working closely with health care providers around the state to provide the most up-to-date information. According to recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and ODH, people should remember to practice the following:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after use.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get sick with influenza, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep them from infection. Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth to avoid the spread of germs.

Additional information is available on the ODH and CDC websites at www.odh.ohio.gov and www.cdc.gov/swineflu. The Ohio Department of Health will be providing additional updates as information becomes available.

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