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CDC Confirms Second Michigan Case of Influenza A (H1N1) Virus *Statewide coordinated response to H1N1 continues*

LANSING, Mich. – The State of Michigan today announced that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has two confirmed cases of Influenza A (H1N1) virus in Michigan – one previously reported in Livingston County and yesterday's probable case in Ottawa County has now been confirmed by the CDC. The state laboratory continues to test other suspected cases. Any new probable cases will be sent to the CDC to determine if they are positive.

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) and Joint Information Center (JIC) continue to operate under partial activation. Over the past several days, Michigan has taken several steps in response to the Influenza A (H1N1) virus outbreak across the country. Some of the actions include:

- The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is ensuring the state has adequate medication for those most in need. The MDCH received one partial shipment of the strategic national stockpile on April 28;
- The Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) has been monitoring the viral outbreak situation since the first notice occurred on April 24;
- The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was partially activated on April 27; the Joint Information Center (JIC) was activated on April 28;
- The MDCH is coordinating with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local public health officials in Livingston and Ottawa counties;

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- The MDCH is continuing to initially process potential specimens and is working with the CDC to determine specific strains of the virus in those specimens;
- The MDCH Community Health Emergency Coordination Center (CHECC) has been fully activated to collect and analyze public health information from local partners and provide updated information;
- The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) continues to work with the United States Department of Agriculture requesting that all state veterinarians report to the USDA Veterinary Services any cases of Influenza A (H1N1) in live animals;
- The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality informed medical waste haulers to review the CDC Web site and take precautionary measures for handling, transporting, and treating waste;
- The State of Michigan has developed a central Web site for Michigan H1N1 information at the following address: www.michigan.gov/swineflu.

The Michigan Department of Community Health is advising citizens to review the common-sense steps everyone can take right now, including:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you sneeze or cough; throw the tissue in the trash after you use it;
- Try to avoid close contact with individuals who appear sick;
- Stay home from school or work if you are sick;
- Keep a safe distance from all people you come in contact with, a behavior called social-distancing.

Additionally, the Michigan 2-1-1 public information line is now a resource available to citizens to answer questions regarding this outbreak of the Influenza A (H1N1) virus. Michigan 2-1-1, sponsored by the Michigan Association of United Ways, is available 24-hours per day, seven days per week.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) reminds citizens that Influenza A (H1N1) virus is not currently affecting animal health. To date, there are no reports of this strain in U.S. swine herds. In addition, this is not a food safety issue; pork is safe to eat and there is no evidence

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people can contract this illness from eating cooked pork. Citizens should continue to properly handle pork and pork products and cook pork to an internal temperature of 160°F, which kills any potential viruses.

All updates to provide Michigan residents with accurate and timely information on the human outbreak of the Influenza A (H1N1) virus, as well as updates on the state's actions to protect residents, are available at www.michigan.gov/swineflu.

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