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Summit County, OH – As of May 1, 2009 there is one confirmed case of swine influenza A (H1N1) in Ohio. As of 1:30 pm on May 1st the Ohio Department of Health released information that Ohio has a total of 4 probable swine influenza A (H1N1) cases and a total of 41 suspect cases of swine influenza A (H1N1). You can find updated information on the number of probable and suspect swine influenza A (H1N1) on the Ohio Department of Health website at www.odh.ohio.gov.

There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like influenza. Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

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

Currently there are three swine influenza A (H1N1) hotlines available for the public to call:

Ohio Department of Health 1-866-800-1404 (staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Akron Health Department 330-375-2876 (recorded message 24 hours)

Summit County Health District 330-926-1801 (staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

The Centers for Disease Control 1-800-CDC-INFO

If you have questions or concerns, please use a credible website to locate information on swine influenza A (H1N1), such as www.cdc.gov or www.odh.ohio.gov. The hotlines are also available for continual and up-to-date information on the swine influenza A (H1N1).

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