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**Summit County, OH** – At this time there are still no confirmed cases of Influenza A H1N1 flu in Summit County. This morning, the Ohio Department of Health announced that there are a total of five confirmed cases of Influenza A H1N1 in Ohio. The confirmed cases are in the following counties: one in Loraine County, two in Franklin County, one in Holmes County and one in Portage County. Updated information on the number of probable and suspect swine influenza A (H1N1) can be found on the Ohio Department of Health website at [www.odh.ohio.gov](http://www.odh.ohio.gov).

The Akron, Barberton, and Summit County Health Departments are continuing to monitor the situation with our local emergency response partners within the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH).

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, long enough to sing Happy Birthday through 2 times, 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:

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

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

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

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

If you have questions or concerns to please use credible websites to locate information on swine influenza A (H1N1) such as [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) or [www.odh.ohio.gov](http://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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