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Summit County, Ohio- Additional new cases of the H1N1 Influenza A (Swine) bring the total number of confirmed cases in Summit County to four. All four cases are recovering at home. The Akron Health Department, the Barberton Health District, and the Summit County Health District will continue to monitor cases and contacts of cases. The local health departments are continuing to follow their response plan including conducting routine surveillance activities to detect any additional case. This will be the last press release that simply recognizes new cases. Cases were anticipated and now have arrived. We can anticipate new cases may be identified. The local health departments will continue to monitor H1N1 Influenza A (Swine) as is done with all other communicable diseases and will continue to report any changes as they occur.

Now that the H1N1 Influenza A (Swine) Virus has been confirmed in Summit County please always remember to observe proper cough and sneeze etiquette by covering your nose and mouth while coughing or sneezing, wash your hands frequently, and stay home if you are ill.

H1N1 Influenza A (Swine) 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)

Barberton Health Department 330-745-6067 (recorded message 24 hours)

Summit County Health District Communicable Disease Line 330-926-5787 (24 hour voice mail)

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

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

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