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**NOTE: The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency will hold a media availability with Dr. Wilma Wooten at 3 p.m. today at 1700 Pacific Highway, San Diego**

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY  
REPORTS TWO ADDITIONAL CASES OF SWINE FLU  
*Agency is working with State, Federal Government to Investigate***

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) reports today that an additional two cases of human infection with swine influenza A (H1N1) have been detected in San Diego County residents. The two new cases are family members. Additionally, an Imperial County resident was diagnosed with the same flu strain at a San Diego facility.

That brings to three the number of San Diego residents with swine flu. The other new case in Imperial County brings their total to two cases. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also reports two cases in San Antonio, Texas.

“We are working closely with the CDC, the California Department of Public Health and the Imperial County Public Health Department to investigate and track these cases,” said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., San Diego County Public Health Officer. “While sporadic cases of swine flu have previously been seen in humans in the U.S., this strain of the swine flu has not been previously detected. The symptoms in these cases have been mild and are similar to regular influenza.”

Swine flu is a cause of respiratory disease in pigs throughout the world and occasionally causes human disease. Most commonly, human cases of swine influenza happen when people are in close proximity to infected pigs, such as in pig production barns and livestock exhibits at fairs. The symptoms of swine influenza in people are similar to the symptoms of regular seasonal influenza infection and include fever, lethargy, coughing and lack of appetite.

“It’s anticipated that we will see more cases because we have heightened our surveillance,” added Wooten.

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