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SAN DIEGO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY REPORTS THREE NEW CONFIRMED CASES OF NEW H1N1 INFLUENZA

Two Schools Closed as a Precaution

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) reports that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has confirmed three new cases of human infection with New H1N1 Influenza in San Diego County residents.

The three new cases are a 22-year-old female and her 3-year-old daughter, and a 48-year-old male. This brings the total number of confirmed cases in San Diego County to 11. The 48-year-old male is currently in Nebraska. None of the new cases required hospitalization.

Public Health and San Diego Unified School District officials have also closed the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts in Paradise Hills and Kearny High School in Kearny Mesa as a precaution. Both schools have probable cases and are being closed in accordance with CDC guidelines.

Cases confirmed so far:

- A 48-year-old male (5/1/09)
- A 22-year-old female and her 3-year-old daughter (5/1/09)
- A 23-year-old male (4/29/09)
- A 20-year-old male (4/27/09)
- A 7-year-old male (4/24/09), his 38-year-old father and 3-year-old brother (4/29/09)
- A 54-year-old male and his 16-year-old daughter (4/23/09)
- A 10-year-old male (4/21/09)

"Once again, we can't stress enough the basic steps the public can take to help contain the spread of this virus," said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., San Diego County Public Health Officer. "If you are sick, do not go to work, school or travel. Cover your mouth when coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose, and wash your hands frequently," Wooten concluded.

For additional information on swine influenza visit <u>www.sdcounty.ca.gov</u> or <u>www.cdc.gov</u> or call 2-1-1 San Diego.

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