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May 1st H1N1 Influenza Virus Update

As of this morning, Kansas has not seen any additional confirmed cases of the 2009 H1N1 Influenza Virus. While there are still two confirmed cases in the state, Seward County and western Kansas have no confirmed cases so far. KDHE continues investigating the sources of exposure associated with the two cases, and efforts are being coordinated with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Seward County Health Department (SCHD) and Southwest Medical Center (SWMC) in Liberal are being continuously updated and provided with information about this matter. These two entities are collaborating along with local Physician offices to maintain the health of our community. SWMC Laboratory has run a total of 13 Influenza tests since Sunday, April 26th with all results being negative for the Influenza A virus.

Once again there are no confirmed or suspect cases in Seward County. SWMC and SCHD are working at normal capacity. Everyone is advised to continue their normal day to day activities. According to KDHE it is important to know that the H1N1 flu virus is not transmitted by food. You cannot get the 2009 H1N1 flu virus from eating pork or pork products. Eating properly handled and cooked pork and pork products are safe. If anyone is experiencing the following symptoms we ask that they call their local Doctor to be evaluated by phone prior to being seen in the office: Fever greater than 100 degrees, body aches, coughing, sore throat, respiratory congestion and possibly diarrhea and vomiting. If symptoms are severe please go directly to the Emergency Department at the closest Hospital.

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