

May 22, H1N1 Flu Virus Update

Seven new cases of the 2009 H1N1 influenza A virus have been confirmed in Kansas since the last update on Thursday, May 21. Two new cases were identified in Geary County, one involving an adult and one involving a child. Five new cases were identified in Riley County adults. Today's announcement brings the Kansas total to 69 confirmed cases.

As of Wednesday, May 20, KDHE has informed Irwin Army Community Hospital at Fort Riley that it is only necessary for specimens to be collected and sent to KDHE's laboratories for analysis if the patient is hospitalized with influenza-like illness. Based on the number of cases identified on post, it is clear that the 2009 H1N1 influenza A virus is circulating there, so additional laboratory testing is not required under most circumstances. Similar guidance was provided to healthcare providers in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties earlier this month. Health care providers in the rest of the state should continue to report suspect cases and test them for evidence of infection with the virus.

As of today, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has identified the following cases of the 2009 H1N1 influenza A virus in Kansas. In all cases, the local health departments are following the guidance provided by KDHE and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Confirmed Cases – 69 total

- Dickinson County – Two cases involving adults
- Ford County – One case involving a child
- Geary County – 15 cases total involving eight adults and seven children
- Johnson County – 11 cases total involving four adults and seven children
- Ottawa County – One case involving a child
- Riley County – 21 cases total involving 15 adults and six children
- Saline County – Five cases total involving one adult and four children
- Sedgwick County – One case involving a child
- Wyandotte County – 12 cases total involving one adult and 11 children