

# Local Health Alert



**Please Report Suspected Swine Flu Cases to 402-727-5396, x14**

**Find the most recent Swine Flu information at [www.threeriverspublichealth.org](http://www.threeriverspublichealth.org)**

TO: Health care providers in Dodge, Saunders, and Washington Counties

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Three Rivers District Health Department is responsible for the surveillance of communicable disease activity in Dodge, Saunders, and Washington Counties. The data we gather allows us to relay timely and appropriate risk communications to the businesses, schools, organizations, and residents of our three-county area.

With the current Swine Flu activity that is occurring throughout the United States and in Mexico, we're asking for the cooperation of our local health care providers by reporting any suspected cases of Swine Flu immediately to Three Rivers Health Department.

A suspect case is someone with flu-like symptoms and has either been in contact with persons with confirmed swine flu, or who was in one of the five U.S. states that have reported swine flu cases or in Mexico during the 7 days preceding their illness onset.

## Current U.S. States Reporting Swine Flu

State	# of laboratory confirmed cases
California	7 cases
Kansas	2 cases
New York City	8 cases
Ohio	1 case
Texas	2 cases
TOTAL COUNT	20 cases

As of April 26, 2009 9:00 AM ET

The symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu in humans and may include:

- Fever (greater than 100°F or 37.8°C)
- Cough
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Sore throat
- Stuffy Nose
- Headache and body aches

Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu. Severe illness (pneumonia and respiratory failure) and deaths have been reported with swine flu infection in people. Like seasonal flu, swine flu may cause a worsening of underlying chronic medical conditions.