

Michigan Identifies Second Probable Case of Swine Flu – State creates new website for swine flu information, updates

LANSING, April 28, 2009 - The State of Michigan today announced that a second probable case of swine flu has been reported in Ottawa County. State laboratory results showed that a 34-year-old Ottawa County woman has a probable case of the swine influenza A (H1N1) virus. The state laboratory results will be sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) today to determine if the case is positive. The first probable case was reported yesterday in Livingston County and is still under review with the CDC.

The woman who was hospitalized and released from a Kent County hospital on Friday is currently recovering at home.

Additionally, the state has launched a new website in an effort to provide Michigan citizens with accurate and timely information on swine flu, as well as updates on the state's actions to protect residents. The site, www.michigan.gov/swineflu, will house all materials produced and distributed by the State of Michigan regarding swine influenza.

Earlier today, the state partially activated the state's Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) and Joint Information Center (JIC) in Lansing to ensure a collaborative response to any potential swine flu cases. The SEOC is staffed by several state agencies to monitor the ongoing situation with local, state and federal agencies. The Michigan Department of State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division oversees the SEOC.

The Joint Information Center serves as the state's central communications hub. The JIC is staffed by public information officers from various state agencies who are responsible for gathering, monitoring and disseminating information to keep the public aware of any and all developments related to the outbreak.