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LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE ON ALERT *Human Swine Flu Cases in Texas and California*

Kenosha – April 24, 2009 - The Kenosha County Division of Health is working closely with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to monitor an outbreak of swine influenza infection in California, Texas, and Mexico. There are no reported cases affecting Wisconsin residents at this time.

The health department is urging residents who recently visited Mexico, California or Texas and are experiencing influenza-like symptoms, or have been in contact with sick persons from these areas, to contact their health care provider. Symptoms of influenza include:

- fever greater than 100 degrees
- body aches
- coughing
- sore throat
- respiratory congestion
- and in some cases diarrhea and vomiting

If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, please take these precautionary measures:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get sick, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth to reduce the spread of germs.

The Kenosha County Division of Health, along with other health care providers, is increasing the level of surveillance for influenza. The health department is also prepared to implement their Public Health Emergency Plan and Pandemic Influenza Plan if needed.

To learn more about influenza, visit:

<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/influenza/index.htm>.

For more information about CDC and Swine Flu: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/swine/index.htm>

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