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CONFIRMED SWINE FLU CASE IN KENOSHA COUNTY *Public Health Officials Urge Residents to Protect Themselves*

Kenosha – May 3, 2009 – Health Officials are urging everyone to take action to help prevent the spread of swine flu. This comes as Kenosha County received its first confirmed case of the disease. This brings the total number of confirmed cases in Wisconsin to 66.

“Like seasonal flu, swine flu spreads through close contact with people who are sick, or touching a surface or object that is contaminated,” says Frank Matteo, Director/Health Officer with the Kenosha County Division of Health. The most important things you can do to prevent the spread of swine flu are:

- wash your hands several times a day, especially before eating and after visiting the rest room;
- sneeze and cough into your upper sleeve; and
- stay home from work or school if you are ill.

The Kenosha County Division of Health is working with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to monitor the situation, maintain an effective surveillance system with local hospitals, and investigate suspect swine flu cases.

The health department is urging residents who are experiencing flu-like symptoms and recently visited Mexico or the other affected states, or have been in contact with persons from these areas who have influenza, to contact their health care provider. Symptoms of swine flu are similar to seasonal flu and include:

- fever greater than 100 degrees
- body aches
- coughing
- sore throat
- respiratory congestion

- and in some cases diarrhea and vomiting.

For more information on swine flu, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu> or call the Kenosha County Division of Health (262) 605-6700.

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