



## SWINE INFLUENZA HEALTH ALERT

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have identified human cases of swine influenza A (H1N1) virus infection in San Diego County and Imperial County, California, San Antonio, Texas, and Mexico City, Mexico.

Investigations are ongoing to determine the source of infections and whether additional people have been infected with similar swine influenza viruses. CDC is working closely with state, local, and international health officials on investigations into these cases.

Because of these cases, Southern Nevada clinicians should consider the possibility of swine influenza virus infections in patients presenting with febrile respiratory illness who:

- Have travelled to or from San Diego County or Imperial County, California, San Antonio, Texas, or Mexico City, Mexico within the last 7 days, or
- Have been in contact with ill persons from these areas in the 7 days prior to their onset of illness.

If swine flu is suspected, clinicians should obtain influenza testing through local commercial or hospital laboratories where they routinely order laboratory testing. The Southern Nevada Health District has been working with these laboratories to ensure that any specimens found to be positive are submitted to the Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory for additional genetic testing for swine influenza.

CDC is not currently recommending any additional safety precautions for health care providers beyond what would normally be used with patients with an unknown respiratory infection. CDC's guidance for infection control and the use of antivirals can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/swine/recommendations.htm>.

Updates on the progress in the investigation and any additional recommendations will be posted on the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/swine/investigation.htm>.