



WILL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT & COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

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WILL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SWINE FLU UPDATE FOR MAY 1, 2009

Joliet, Illinois – The Will County Health Department announces one additional probable cases of swine flu. As of May 1, 2009, the total number of probable Will County swine flu cases is 4. A probable case means that the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has tested a specimen and found that it is positive for influenza A (swine flu).

The IDPH has shipped this case to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to perform final testing to confirm if the case is positive for H1N1 (swine flu).

Plainfield Community Consolidated SD 202

Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202 Superintendent Dr. John Harper confirms that one student, an 11 year old male from Plainfield, is a patient with a probable case of Influenza A (swine flu). The student presented himself to a local physician who advised his guardians to keep him from attending school.

Based upon guidance from the Will County Health Department, District 202 will close the following school beginning at the end of the day, Friday, May 1, 2009:

Richard Ira Jones Middle School, 15320 Wallin Drive, Plainfield

The school will remain closed until Tuesday, May 5, 2009.

Dr. Harper said: "The safety of our students and staff is always our primary concern. The student in question is home recovering and has not been in school for several days. We are confident the situation is being handled appropriately both by the medical professionals and our own staff, and of course, we will take the necessary precautions and steps to make sure that the school is safe."

Will County Health Department Executive Director John Cicero reminds the public: "The public should continue to take precautionary steps to help prevent additional cases. We recommend that people behave as they would to seasonal flu by covering their mouths when they cough or sneeze, wash their hands regularly, and stay home from school or work if they feel sick."

Additional information can be found at www.willcountyhealth.org <<http://www.willcountyhealth.org/>> or www.CDC.gov <<http://www.cdc.gov/>>.

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