

# Wheeling – Ohio County Health Department

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## **PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE**

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### **Swine Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Recommendations**

The Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department is advising any person who is experiencing flu-like symptoms **AND** has traveled to Mexico **or** location with a confirmed swine flu case during the 7 days preceding their illness onset **OR** has been in contact with an individual who has been confirmed with swine flu to contact their family physician and to report to their local hospital emergency room for testing and treatment. Upon arrival at their local emergency room they will be given a mask to put on to aide in the prevention of spreading the disease to others. Any laboratory specimen that is collected should be submitted to the WV State Health Department Office of Laboratory Services for further testing. Contact the health department to begin a report on a patient.

#### **Urgent Care Facilities & Provider Offices**

Patients reporting directly to a local urgent care facility or physician office can be tested and treated. Staff should take proper precautions and prevention measures with patients. Any laboratory specimen that is collected should be submitted to the WV State Health Department Office of Laboratory Services for further testing. Contact the health department to begin a report on any confirmed, probable or suspected case.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have **any** questions please call the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department at 304.234.3682 or view our website at [www.ohiocountyhealth.com](http://www.ohiocountyhealth.com) .

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