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CDC CONFIRMS ONE CASE OF WEST VIRGINIA SWINE FLU

WHEELING, WV – Officials at the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources report that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have confirmed one case of swine flu in West Virginia. The case had previously tested positive in the state lab and had been shipped to the CDC for confirmation. The case was that of a New York resident who was tested and received treatment in Raleigh County.

“This is not unexpected,” said Cathy Slem, M. D., M. P. H., acting state health officer and director of the Center for Threat Preparedness. “Cases have now been identified in all 50 states.”

People should continue to wash hands frequently and to cover the mouth and nose when sneezing and coughing. Individuals should stay home from work, school or other activities if they are sick.

For more information go to www.wvdhhr.org, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/> or call the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department at (304) 234-3682 or visit our website at www.ohiocountyhealth.com.

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