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WVDHHR, local health departments continue investigating swine flu cases; identify 10 total

Officials at the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources report three more probable cases of swine flu in West Virginia. One new case is reported in Cabell County, and two new cases are reported in Wood County. The cases tested positive in the state laboratory.

The new probable cases in Wood and Cabell counties bring the total of confirmed and probable cases to 10. Six are West Virginia residents and four are from out of state but were diagnosed here. The six West Virginia residents are from Cabell, Monongalia and Wood counties.

All individuals were seen as outpatients and have recovered or are recovering from the swine flu (H1N1) virus.

Cathy Slemp, M.D., M.P.H., state health officer said, “There are many things people can do to prevent the spread of the virus.” She said people should continue to wash their hands frequently and to cover their mouth and nose when sneezing and coughing. It is also important to stay home from work, school or other activities if you are sick. “Be sure to stay informed and up to date on current recommendations and guidance from your local health department and other public health officials,” Slemp added.

For more information go to www.wvdhhr.org or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/> .

County	Probable	Confirmed	Total	New 6-3-09 **
Cabell	2	1	3	1 probable
Monongalia	2	1	3	0
Raleigh	0	1	1	0
Wood	2	1	3	2 probable

**Cases are noted in county which they were confirmed. Some cases are out-of-state residents.