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## **H1N1 SWINE FLU CASES GROW IN NUMBERS IN WV SECOND CONFIRMED CASE IN OHIO COUNTY**

**WHEELING, WV** – The number of confirmed cases of H1N1 (Swine Flu) in West Virginia is currently at 276. Officials at the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources report that 243 of these cases are West Virginia residents and 33 are from out of state, but treated in West Virginia.

H1N1 has been confirmed in the following counties in West Virginia: Berkeley, Barbour, Boone, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Gilmer, Greenbrier, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, Mercer, Mingo, Monongalia, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wood and Wyoming. Wood County accounts for 78 of the cases in West Virginia and 72 are located in Kanawha County. The Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department is advising individuals:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get sick with influenza, CDC recommends that you stay home from work, school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

National, the number of H1N1 cases has increased to 43,771. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is also reporting 302 deaths associated with this outbreak.

Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department has confirmed two positive cases of the H1N1 (swine flu) virus in Ohio County. Cases continue to be tested locally in Ohio County and throughout West Virginia and suspected cases are being forwarded to the West Virginia State

Health Department for additional testing. The Health Department is monitoring these suspected cases.

For more information go to [www.wvdhhr.org](http://www.wvdhhr.org), to view a chart depicting the number of H1N1 Swine Flu cases in West Virginia. This information is updated daily, Monday-Friday by 2:00pm. You can also visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website <http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1FLU> or call the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department at (304) 234-3682 or visit our website at [www.ohiocountyhealth.com](http://www.ohiocountyhealth.com).

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