



<b>Stakeholder/Target Audience:</b> General Public	<b>Category:</b> Epidemiology Investigation	<b>Subject:</b> H1N1 Swine Flu	<b>Date updated:</b> 8/11/2009 3:00PM
<b>Question or Concern:</b> <b>Cases of H1N1 Swine Flu have been confirmed in Charlotte County, Florida</b>			
<b>Key Message/Fact 1:</b> Cases of H1N1 Swine Flu are now common in Charlotte County..	<b>Key Message/Fact 2:</b> Charlotte County Health Department will continue to monitor and provide guidance to the community.	<b>Key Message/Fact 3:</b> Everyone is encouraged to protect themselves and help prevent the spread of infection.	
<b>Supporting Fact 1-1:</b> Cases have been reported in all age groups in Charlotte County. No Charlotte County residents have died because of H1N1 Swine Flu to date.	<b>Supporting Fact 2-1:</b> We will continue to work with the medical community to provide guidance and information.	<b>Supporting Fact 3-1:</b> H1N1 Swine Flu viruses are not transmitted by food. A person cannot get H1N1 Swine Flu from eating pork products.	
<b>Supporting Fact 1-2:</b> Majority of the cases reported have been mild to moderate in severity.	<b>Supporting Fact 2-2:</b> Surveillance of H1N1 Swine Flu in the community is ongoing.	<b>Supporting Fact 3-2:</b> Practice good hygiene: frequent hand washing can lessen the spread of flu-like illness. Covering coughs and sneezing into a tissue (dispose of immediately) also can help prevent the spread of illness.	
<b>Supporting Fact 1-3</b> Cases of H1N1 continue to be reported on a daily basis to the Charlotte County Health Department.	<b>Supporting Fact 2-3</b> Persons who may have flu-like symptoms are advised to call their health care provider and discuss whether they need to be seen in their office or stay home. Symptoms are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Fever &gt; 100F</li> <li>◆ Headache</li> <li>◆ Dry cough</li> <li>◆ Sore throat</li> <li>◆ Runny or stuffy nose</li> <li>◆ Body Aches</li> </ul>	<b>Supporting Fact 3-3</b> As always, people with flu-like illness should stay home from work or school to avoid spreading infections, to others in the community.	