



Stakeholder/Target Audience: General Public	Category: Epidemiology Investigation	Subject: H1N1 Swine Flu	Date updated: 8/11/2009 3:00PM
Question or Concern: Cases of H1N1 Swine Flu have been confirmed in Charlotte County, Florida			
Key Message/Fact 1: Cases of H1N1 Swine Flu are now common in Charlotte County..	Key Message/Fact 2: Charlotte County Health Department will continue to monitor and provide guidance to the community.	Key Message/Fact 3: Everyone is encouraged to protect themselves and help prevent the spread of infection.	
Supporting Fact 1-1: Cases have been reported in all age groups in Charlotte County. No Charlotte County residents have died because of H1N1 Swine Flu to date.	Supporting Fact 2-1: We will continue to work with the medical community to provide guidance and information.	Supporting Fact 3-1: H1N1 Swine Flu viruses are not transmitted by food. A person cannot get H1N1 Swine Flu from eating pork products.	
Supporting Fact 1-2: Majority of the cases reported have been mild to moderate in severity.	Supporting Fact 2-2: Surveillance of H1N1 Swine Flu in the community is ongoing.	Supporting Fact 3-2: 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.	
Supporting Fact 1-3 Cases of H1N1 continue to be reported on a daily basis to the Charlotte County Health Department.	Supporting Fact 2-3 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"> ◆ Fever > 100F ◆ Headache ◆ Dry cough ◆ Sore throat ◆ Runny or stuffy nose ◆ Body Aches 	Supporting Fact 3-3 As always, people with flu-like illness should stay home from work or school to avoid spreading infections, to others in the community.	