

## **Samples tested, but Florida reports no swine flu cases**

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No cases of swine flu had been reported in Florida as of Tuesday night. One case was incorrectly confirmed by a Florida Hospital doctor in Orlando, but hospital officials later said the results were unofficial. They expect to know in two days after the sample is tested by the Centers for Disease Control.

The Orlando case is said to involve a tourist from Mexico visiting Disney.

Meanwhile, Sarasota County health officials said they are no longer releasing the number of samples sent to state testing centers for swine flu, because the samples are too difficult to separate from those for seasonal influenza.

The state is also not releasing numbers. Adam DuBois, the public information officer for the Charlotte County Health Department, said state communications officials told him that 60 Floridians had been tested for swine flu as of Tuesday.

DuBois clarified that the two samples sent for testing from Charlotte County on Monday were from people health officials do not believe are at risk. The two tested had been to Mexico, but outside the virus incubation period.

Manatee County has not sent any tests to state centers for possible swine flu.

"I would say it's probably a good sign that we don't have a case in Florida yet," said Dr. Ron Cox, Manatee County epidemiologist. "So far the cases have been contained and we haven't seen wide extension beyond those states. But it's too early to know yet."

Susan Smith, press secretary for the Florida Department of Health, said Tuesday that the state expects to boost its stock of Tamiflu, the drug believed to combat the strain, to half a million doses within the next week through the federal stockpile.

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