

# State erred; no swine flu case in Charlotte

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There is no probable case of swine flu in Charlotte County, according to an email from Susan Smith, press secretary for the state Department of Health. The office is sending out a revised notice. The announcement this morning that there was a probable case in Charlotte was a mistake.

Charlotte County health department spokesman says there is no probable case of swine flu in Charlotte County, and that the state Department of Health communications office reported incorrect information this morning in press releases that went out at 10:30 and 10:45.

"What I'm hearing is that the lab actually reported incorrectly to the communications office in Tallahassee and that office pushed this information out," said Adam DuBois, spokesman for the Charlotte County health department.

"We are certain there are no probable cases of swine flu in Charlotte County."

So far Florida has five confirmed cases: two in Lee, one in Broward, one in Orange County, and one in Pinellas.

The second Lee County confirmation is a 7-year-old boy who attends Spring Creek Elementary School. The Pinellas County confirmed case is 24-year-old male.

The Orange County confirmed case is a 14-year-old female visitor who has returned to Mexico. The first Lee County confirmed case is in an 11-year-old boy attending Spring Creek Elementary School.

The Broward County case is in a 17-year-old girl attending Hallandale High School.

Alachua, Lee, Indian River, Okeechobee, and Clay have one probable case each. Palm Beach has two probable cases and Miami Dade has three. Hillsborough County has five probable cases.

A toll-free information line has been established to address an increasing number of calls from the public requesting Swine Flu information. The number is

1-800-342-3557 and it is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m