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**Charlotte County Health Department Announces
Three Confirmed Cases of the H1N1 Flu Virus in the Community**

CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FL— Three cases of H1N1 (swine flu) virus have now been confirmed in Charlotte County. Two of the cases are recovering at home and the third is recovering in the hospital. These three, unrelated cases, were reported to Charlotte County Health Department during business hours on Monday.

“We continue to encourage the public to practice good hygiene: wash hands frequently, stay home from work or school if you feel ill and cover your mouth with a tissue or your sleeve if you are coughing or sneezing,” said Donna Olson, ARNP, Senior Community Health Nursing Director for the Charlotte County Health Department.

The three confirmed cases in Charlotte County include:

- 7 year old Female
- 6 year old Male
- 51 year old Female

Presently, the investigation to identify the source of the infection is ongoing, and we are working with families to identify others who may be ill. People who have been in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with H1N1 flu should also be alert for flu-like symptoms.

Symptoms may include:

- Fever (>100°F)
- Headache
- Dry cough
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Body aches

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