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PRESS RELEASE

THERE ARE NO CONFIRMED CASES OF SWINE FLU IN OREGON.

Oregon Public Health agencies continue in a **surveillance** mode: Health officials are watching laboratory data, hospital systems data and monitoring any emerging illnesses in Oregon communities.

Case Definition: patients with an acute respiratory illness (cough, sore throat, nasal congestion) and fever of 100 degrees F. or greater:

1. Who have traveled to an area where there are confirmed cases of swine influenza A (H1N1) within 7 days of suspect case's illness onset. **OR**
2. Who was in close contact to a confirmed case of swine influenza A virus while the case was ill **OR**
3. Who has a history of recent contact with an animal with confirmed or suspected swine influenza A virus infection

If people present with seasonal flu symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, stuffy nose, achy joints, fatigue) they should telephone their family physician to see if they need to go in for further examination or testing.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Goals:

1. Reduce transmission and illness severity
2. Provide information to assist health care providers, public health officials, and the public in addressing challenges posed by this newly identified influenza virus.

Continue to send out the messages regarding covering your cough and good hand washing for 20 seconds with warm water and soap or use an alcohol based hand sanitizer. "Cover Your Cough" fliers are available from Public Health, 503-397-4651 x 222.

If people have questions they can visit the CDC (www.cdc.gov/swineflu) World Health Organization (<http://www.who.int/scr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>), and Columbia Health District Public Health

