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Second Confirmed Case of Swine Influenza in Lee County

Fort Myers—Lee County Health Department (LCHD) and the Lee County School Board announce the second confirmed case of swine flu in Lee County, Florida, in school-aged children that attend Spring Creek Elementary. The total case count at Spring Creek is now two confirmed and one probable case.

“We continue to work with our health care partners to ensure appropriate care of these individuals and others who may be experiencing flu-like symptoms,” LCHD Director Judith A. Hartner, M.D., MPH, M.P.A. said. “We will continue to monitor children attending Spring Creek Elementary for any other suspect cases.”

Medical personnel from the LCHD have been working with Lee County Public School staff to identify and contact parents of any children attending Spring Creek Elementary who became sick last week.

LCHD medical personnel began reviewing last week’s school health records to identify all children seen by the school nurse. For those Spring Creek Elementary children that saw the school nurse and had fevers, LCHD nurses have been calling their parents this weekend to determine the child’s current health.

Showing the signs and symptoms does not necessarily mean that a person has been exposed to swine flu, but people with symptoms should contact their health care providers or hospital for instructions about receiving treatment.

Swine flu is typically characterized by a fever of greater than 100° F or 37.8° C, cough, sore throat, headache and body aches, chills, fatigue and some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu.

“It is very important for individuals who think they might have been exposed to swine flu to contact their health care provider as quickly as possible,” Hartner said. “Rapid treatment is the key to recovery.”

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Children attending Spring Creek Elementary school should stay at home and indoors, avoiding large social gatherings like going to sporting events, movies, mall, or church until (Monday, May 11, 2009). At this time Spring Creek Elementary is still scheduled to reopen on Monday, May 11, 2009.

For more information about swine influenza, visit www.doh.state.fl.us or www.cdc.gov (CDC). Also, the state has information lines established where callers can receive additional swine flu information at 1-800-775-8039 or 1-800-342-3557.

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