



Public Health Message

from the Fort Wayne-AlLEN County Department of Health

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Update

Global/National:

- CDC has now confirmed 226 cases of swine flu in the United States, in 30 states.
- CDC also reports that 30 people hospitalized so far have been mostly older children and young adults.
- CDC has issued new guidance for patients with chronic cardiovascular disease, heart disease or stroke (<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/cardiovascular.htm>);*
 - Patients with chronic cardiovascular disease and cerebrovascular disease (CVD) are at increased risk of experiencing an acute exacerbation of disease during influenza epidemics.
 - Patients with CVD risk factors such as hypertension, smoking, obesity, and family history of premature heart disease **might be considered for priority care** over healthy individuals but not before health care providers, the very young, elderly people, and the ill.
 - Health care providers should be aware that influenza **might produce increased numbers of cardiovascular events**, leading to increased hospitalizations and use of resources to treat acute coronary events, heart failure, and stroke.
 - Consideration should be given for having adequate supplies of commonly used cardiovascular medications for prevention and treatment of cardiovascular events.

State/Local

- Indiana has three cases, none in Allen County. However, we continue to transport samples to ISDH for testing.

Please feel free to call if needed
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