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## **ODH CONFIRMS TWO NEW CASES OF H1N1 (SWINE FLU) VIRUS**

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) confirmed two additional cases of H1N1 (swine flu) virus in Franklin County in two males, ages 31 and 33, bringing the total number of Ohio cases to three. The patients are recovering at home. Tests are still pending on two probable cases in Holmes and Portage counties.

“These confirmations underscore the need for Ohioans to pay attention to updates and take steps to protect themselves and their loved ones,” said ODH Director Alvin D. Jackson, M.D.

ODH reminds Ohioans that washing your hands could be the single most important thing you can do to prevent the onset of illness.

Regarding personal protective actions, ODH reminds Ohioans to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze or use the restroom and before eating.
- Stay away from sick people as much as you can.
- If you're sick and develop warning signs indicating serious illness, go to a health provider immediately – don't wait.
- If you are sick - stay home from work or school.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and then throw the tissue away.
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Try not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth as germs often spread this way.

For additional information, access the ODH Web site at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov> or the CDC Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/>.

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