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Livingston County More Probable Cases of Influenza A (H1N1) Virus

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The State of Michigan today announced it has identified 17 new probable case of influenza A (H1N1) virus, bringing the state total of probable cases to 37. The 17 new probable cases include one in Allegan County, six in Kent County, four in Livingston County, four in Macomb, one in Ottawa County and one in Wayne County. All of the probable cases are being sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to determine if they are confirmed. Due to an influx of samples from around the country, the CDC has indicated that once a specimen is received in their lab, test results are not expected for at least 72 hours.

All probable cases have been contacted and appropriate measures are being taken. There is one probable case associated with Fowlerville High School. School officials in consultation with our Department have decided to close the high school as well as associated after school activities. Parents and students are encouraged to avoid congregating in large numbers outside of the school setting.

The Livingston County Department of Public Health Department is closely monitoring health trends in Livingston County for evidence of a wider outbreak. The Health Department is receiving frequent updates from the CDC, and is working with Michigan Department of Community Health to monitor the situation and immediately following up on any suspected cases. The agency is also remaining in frequent contact with physicians and is disseminating information through the Influenza A (H1N1) Flu hotline and its website (www.lchd.org) to address public questions and concerns. For more information call the Health Department at (517) 546-9850 or visit our website @ www.lchd.org.

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