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ODH ESTABLISHES SWINE FLU INFORMATION LINE

Ohio continues to report one cases of novel flu virus

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Health today established a toll-free information line for Ohioans with questions about swine flu.

The information line – 1-866-800-1404 – is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; ODH will reassess hours of operation as the situation warrants.

Ohio continues to report one case of swine flu out of Lorain County and is working with partners to confirm any other possible cases.

To lessen their chances of becoming ill, Ohioans should: wash their hands frequently or use alcohol-based hand sanitizers if soap and water are unavailable; avoid touching their eyes, nose or mouth; cover coughs and sneezes with tissue, if tissue is unavailable, cough into your sleeve; stay home when sick; and keep your distance from people with respiratory symptoms. Also, getting enough rest, eating plenty of fruits and vegetables and getting 30 or more minutes of physical activity most days of the week will help residents boost their immunity and reduce the chances of getting sick.

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Contact: Ohio Department of Health, Office of Public Affairs, 614-644-8562.