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SLVHD Announces Two Confirmed H1N1 Cases

Health officer asks public to continue preventive measures

(Salt Lake City, UT) – Health officials at the Salt Lake Valley Health Department (SLVHD) today received confirmation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that two of its eleven "probable cases" submitted to the CDC have tested positive for the Influenza A H1N1 virus.

The first individual is a 22-year-old Salt Lake County man who was not hospitalized and has fully recovered. The second, a 21-year old woman, also not hospitalized, is recovering at home. Neither had traveled outside of Salt Lake County prior to becoming ill.

"While the disease has so-far been mild, this outbreak is not over," says Gary Edwards, executive director of the SLVHD. "We expect to see more cases over the next several weeks and we will continue to track the disease and follow-up on cases."

Health officials are awaiting testing results of the nine other probable cases.

Edwards also wants to remind county residents to continue taking preventive measures such as covering coughs and sneezes, coughing into your sleeve, avoid touching your nose and eyes, and frequent hand washing with soap and water. "Staying home when you are sick and avoiding close contact with others will help keep your family and friends healthy."

For more information on the H1N1 influenza, visit the SLVHD website at www.slvhealth.org.

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