



News Release

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Re: Pandemic (Swine) Flu Information

(New Hanover County)—New Hanover County residents who may have concerns about the latest public health threat have several ways to obtain information on the outbreak of Swine Flu. While no deaths have been reported in the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is working with health officials in California, Texas, Kansas, New York and Ohio to control the outbreak.

In addition to the CDC website, www.pandemicflu.gov, two telephone hotlines have been established at the New Hanover County Health Department to refer callers to more information. Residents can call 798-6684 to receive the latest information. Spanish speaking residents should call 798-6676. Residents across North Carolina can also call the state Care Line, 1-800-662-7030.

As with any infectious disease, the CDC recommends the public use everyday preventive actions including:

- Avoid close contact
- Stay home when sick
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
- Wash your hands
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Practice other good health habits.

The CDC has established its Emergency Operations Center to coordinate its agencies response and the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security has declared a public health emergency.

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