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THREE MORE PROBABLE INFLUENZA A (H1N1) CASES REPORTED IN ORANGE COUNTY

(Santa Ana) – The Orange County Health Care Agency (HCA) has identified three more probable Influenza A (H1N1), or swine influenza, cases. This brings to five the total number of probable cases in Orange County. The cases meet the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) criteria for a probable case, as they are confirmed as Influenza A, and cannot be sub-typed at our laboratory. These probable cases are subject to confirmation through additional laboratory testing before being considered confirmed cases.

The new probable cases are:

- An 8-year-old female resident of Placentia
- An 8-year-old female visitor to Orange County
- A 5-year-old female resident of Santa Ana

Public Health Epidemiology specialists have investigated each of the new probable cases, including evaluating the health of family members and other close contacts. Based on the investigation of the new probable cases, and in consultation with the California Department of Public Health, the Health Care Agency has determined that no school closings are indicated at this time.

Recommended precautions to reduce exposure to influenza viruses include:

- washing your hands with soap and water frequently
- covering your cough and sneeze with a tissue or your sleeve
- staying home if you are ill, and
- avoiding contact with people who are ill.

For more information and the latest updates about the Influenza A (H1N1) in Orange County, visit the Health Care Agency website at www.ochealthinfo.com.

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