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Brownstown Twp. Resident Tests Negative for Swine Influenza

WAYNE COUNTY, MI – The Wayne County Department of Public Health (WCDPH) announced today that an 18-year-old Brownstown Twp. resident previously suspected to have Influenza A (H1N1) virus (Swine Flu) has tested negative. The test results were received late Thursday from Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH).

The student, who recently traveled to Mexico, experienced mild flu-like symptoms and previously tested positive on a rapid test, requiring additional testing.

WCDPH is following up on approximately a dozen suspect cases of Influenza A (H1N1) and is working closely with the MDCH to coordinate testing of samples from suspect cases.

Wayne County Department of Public Health strongly recommends that residents follow these flu preventive guidelines:

- Individuals with fever and flu-like symptoms such as cough, fever, fatigue, sore throat, chills, headaches, body aches or diarrhea and vomiting, should see their doctor.
- Sick individuals should stay home from work or school to avoid infecting others.
- Avoid contact with people who cough or appear ill, and cover one's mouth or nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- Frequent hand washing is encouraged and important to prevent and lessen the spread of illness.

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Loretta V. Davis, Director/Health Officer, Wayne County Department of Public Health, said: "Our current focus is to provide information to the community to reduce the possibility of getting or spreading infection. This includes preventive measures such as hand washing, staying home when sick, and careful consideration of travel decisions to areas within the country and internationally that have confirmed cases of Influenza A (H1N1)."

"Our health department is doing its due diligence to properly inform the public and to ensure proper precautions are taken," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

Individuals should see their doctor if they have flu-like symptoms and have traveled to areas with confirmed Swine Influenza cases or have been in contact with a confirmed case within the previous seven days.

The Wayne County Department of Public Health has established a 24-hour swine flu information telephone hotline. The number is 734-727-7163.

For additional questions or information, residents can call the Disease Control Section of the Wayne County Department of Public Health at 734-727-7078.

For the latest developments on swine flu, individuals should visit the CDC or Wayne County websites at www.cdc.gov/swineflu or www.waynecounty.com.

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