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SEDGWICK COUNTY CONTINUES PLANNING FOR H1N1 VIRUS RESPONSE

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – Over the past few months, the number of Sedgwick County H1N1 cases has been routinely provided to the media and public through www.sedgwickcounty.org and upon request. Due to changes in the reporting process, the quantity of cases is now too difficult to confirm. Cases are currently only being confirmed by the Kansas Department for Health and Environment for hospitalized individuals. As with any communicable disease, there are countless unreported instances. Continuing to provide numbers of “confirmed” cases would be irresponsible, as it no longer tells an accurate story.

What we know: H1N1 is here. It is in our country, state and county. It is more important than ever for citizens to take seriously the recommendations that have been repeated since this spring:

- Cover your mouth and nose with tissue when coughing and sneezing
- Wash your hands often
- Stay home when you have a fever
- Keep your hands away from your mouth and nose

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The symptoms of H1N1 are:

- Fever
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Lethargy
- Lack of appetite
- Coughing
- Occasional nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

Individuals who are very sick with the symptoms should contact their healthcare provider.

In the coming months, Sedgwick County will provide releases focused on special populations and how they may be affected by H1N1. Please look for this information and help us spread the word.

Residents should continue to monitor news reports and check the County Web site at www.sedgwickcounty.org for additional information. As has been the scenario from the start, information is likely to change rapidly regarding H1N1. This is why it is so important for media partners to assist local, state and federal health agencies by providing up-to-date information to the public.

Thank you in advance of your continued support and coverage of this public health emergency.

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