



# Alexandria Health Department



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Dear Colleague:

As you have already heard from the Virginia Department of Health, human cases of swine flu (swine-origin influenza A virus (H1N1) or S-OIV) have been identified in the U.S. over the past few days. The Alexandria Health Department (AHD) is closely monitoring the situation. To date, there have been no cases of S-OIV identified in Virginia.

**We need your assistance to control and prevent disease transmission in our community.** If you have a patient who you suspect may have S-OIV, please contact us immediately. AHD staff will discuss each suspected case with you to determine if your patient meets the current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) case definition ([http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/casedef\\_swineflu.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/casedef_swineflu.htm)). We ask that before calling, you complete the attached form that will help us with case classification.

Any person(s) meeting the current CDC case definition for S-OIV should have specimens collected. The AHD can provide collection kits with the appropriate viral transport media. Please note that specimens collected for flu rapid tests cannot be used for viral typing. You will need to collect a separate nasopharyngeal swab from the suspected case. Please call us while the patient is still in your office so that we can facilitate timely specimen collection.

All specimens collected for S-OIV testing from person(s) meeting the current CDC case definition should be sent to the state public health laboratory (DCLS). AHD can arrange transport of specimens to DCLS. Please do not send specimens from suspected cases to private labs

During business hours, you can contact the AHD communicable disease staff at (703) 838-4400 exts. 264, 298, or 307. Nights or weekends, please call (571) 259-8549.

If you have any questions about this information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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