



H1N1 (Swine) Influenza A Resources for Health Care Providers

Dear Health Care Professional:

The Memphis and Shelby County Health Department is providing information for health care professionals in Shelby County, Tennessee on the Shelby County Government website in order to assist them with the identification, treatment, infection control, testing, and reporting of human cases of novel influenza A H1N1. Note that the situation is rapidly evolving. For up to date information, please refer to the website:

Go to <http://www.shelbycountyttn.gov>, and then click the '[H1N1/Swine Flu Information](#)' at the top of the page. You will find pertinent information for physicians including testing algorithms, specimen collection information and required forms under the heading: '**For Health Care Professionals**'.

Telephone Resources for Your Patients

You may find the following are telephone resources useful in referring your patients to answer general questions or to receive daily updates about Swine Flu preparation activities implemented at the MSCHD.

- *The Memphis Public Library's LINC 211* service is available, as a public health partner, to handle many community calls and answer questions about Swine Flu. This resource may be accessed by calling "2-1-1" or by calling "415-2790".

The hours of operation are the following:

1. Monday – Thursday: 9a – 9p
 2. Friday and Saturday: 9a – 6p
 3. Sunday: 1p – 6p
- *The MSCHD H1N1 (Swine) Influenza A Information Line* at **544-6969** provides up-to-date information about what's going on in Shelby County with the situation.

Provider Consultation

If, as a provider, you find the need to consult with a public health physician regarding Swine flu, call the Health Department during business hours. If you prefer to speak with someone in Epidemiology you may call 544-7717 for assistance.

Reporting to the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department

Please report suspected cases of H1N1 for: 1) patients admitted to intensive care with severe sepsis or respiratory distress; (2) admitted for severe respiratory distress/pneumonia; (3) women who are pregnant; (4) healthcare workers; (5) suspected cases of nosocomial transmission of H1N1 to staff and/or patients and (6) any patient for whom you submit a specimen for H1N1 testing to the state lab. Notify the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department Epidemiology Department at 901-544-7717.

Internet Resources

Tennessee Department of Health: <http://health.state.tn.us/H1N1.htm>

Centers for Disease Control and Investigation, H1N1 site: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/index.htm>