

## **WV DHHR investigates more probable cases of swine flu**

Officials at the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources report three more probable cases of swine flu. One new case is being investigated in Cabell County, and two new cases are reported in Monongalia County. The cases tested positive in the state lab and have been shipped to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for confirmation.

One of the new cases in Monongalia County appears to be linked to the first case identified in that county. The other two new cases do not appear to be linked to existing cases.

“We expected to see additional cases of swine flu in the state,” said Cathy Slemp, M. D., M. P. H., acting state health officer and director of the Center for Threat Preparedness. “With the disease identified and continuing to spread in most states across the nation or around the world, this is not an outbreak we should expect to stop from spreading in West Virginia,” Slemp added.

People should continue to wash hands frequently and to cover the mouth and nose when sneezing and coughing. Individuals should stay home from work, school or other activities if they are sick.

For more information go to [www.wvdhhr.org](http://www.wvdhhr.org) or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>