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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that the H1N1 influenza virus is now in 30 states with 226 confirmed cases and hundreds of probable cases. **To date, West Virginia has no confirmed cases.** “That may change,” according to Cathy Slep, MD, MPH, acting state health officer and director of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Center for Threat Preparedness. “I will not be surprised when the virus is confirmed in West Virginia, and, I hope the people of West Virginia are not surprised, either.”

The CDC offers guidance and recommendations for the treatment of H1N1 influenza to state health officials. “We are preparing to respond to an outbreak in our state. Testing is available in-state for rapid results and anti-viral medications are in ample supply,” she said.

As always these practical personal hygiene tips can help prevent the spread of flu. Wash your hands frequently or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer produce, cough and sneeze into your arm (not hands as germs spread that way), avoid touching eyes, mouth or nose and stay home when you’re sick.

Additional information and current data is available at www.wvdhhr.org.