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**“Two Confirmed Cases of H1N1 Flu in Cuyahoga County Ohio”**

**Westlake, Ohio**---County and City Health officials were notified by the Ohio Department of Health that the two probable cases of H1N1 Flu in Westlake have been confirmed. The two cases, a child age 9 and a woman age 41, are recovering, doing well, and following recommended guidance from health officials. These results were anticipated as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicates that 99 percent of probable cases are later confirmed.

At this time, there are a total of 3,009 confirmed cases in 45 states (including the District of Columbia) in the United States according to CDC with 11 confirmed in Ohio according to the Ohio Department of Health.

We continue to follow the guidance of the CDC, and **do not** recommend the closure of schools at this time. We also continue to stress prevention measures such as covering coughs and proper hygiene habits, especially hand washing. More information on prevention and infection control can be found at the following resources:

For the most current information, please refer to the CDC at <http://cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>

1. Cuyahoga County Board of Health 216-201-2091, [www.ccbh.net](http://www.ccbh.net)
2. Cleveland Department of Public Health 216-664-3609, [www.clevelandhealth.org](http://www.clevelandhealth.org)
3. Shaker Heights Department of Health: 216-491-3170 [www.shakeronline.com](http://www.shakeronline.com)