



# Hendry County Emergency Management

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## Current Status

TALLAHASSEE— as of 11:00 a.m. today, the State of Florida has opened a toll-free telephone service where residents can call to receive health information about swine flu. The line will be staffed from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily until further notice. After hours calls will be handled by an automated service.

The number for Florida residents to call is: **1-800-342-3557**

## Preparedness

As Florida responds to swine flu, the Florida Department of Health offers the following recommendations:

- Be Prepared; Do NOT Panic
- People with flu like symptoms, respiratory illness or fever should stay home from work or school to avoid spreading infections, to others you may come into contact with.
- Avoid close contact with people who are coughing or otherwise appear ill.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Wash hands frequently to lessen the spread of respiratory illness, hand sanitizers can be used as well.
- Symptoms of swine flu are typical flu like symptoms plus the rapid onset fever, cough, fatigue and in some cases vomiting and diarrhea.
- If you think you have the flu, please call your health care provider and discuss whether you need to be seen in their office or in a hospital emergency room, or if you should just stay home.
- Swine flu is not transmitted by food and you cannot get swine flu from eating pork products.

The State of Florida has been receiving frequent updates from the CDC, and is working with the local health departments to monitor the situation and immediately follow up on suspected cases. The Florida Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control has created a webpage with information at: [www.doh.state.fl.us/](http://www.doh.state.fl.us/) or [www.cdc.gov/swineflu](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu)

Hendry County Emergency Management continues to keep a close eye on the Influenza A (H1N1) outbreak, and suggests that you ensure that your home and office safety plans are current and up to date. There are currently NO suspected cases in Hendry County. The Hendry County Health Department is the lead agency for this incident. The Hendry County EOC activation status remains at a **Level 3: Monitoring**