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Pinellas County Health Department Notified of 13th H1N1 (Swine) Flu Death

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA – The Pinellas County Health Department was notified of an H1N1 (swine) flu death in Pinellas County. A 36-year-old male who had other underlying health conditions is the county's 13th H1N1 (swine) flu fatality.

As of Feb. 2, there have been 201 laboratory-confirmed H1N1 (swine) flu fatalities reported in Florida. H1N1 (swine) flu was first detected in people in the United States in April 2009. Flu season in Florida begins in February and March.

"Those who have not yet received the H1N1 vaccine will find that there are many locations where it is widely available in Pinellas County, including at our five health centers," said Claude Dharamraj, M.D., director of the Pinellas County Health Department. "Our outreach teams are taking vaccines to houses of worship and other locations in the community to make protection against H1N1 as accessible as possible."

H1N1 vaccines are free at the five Pinellas County Health Department locations and at its outreach events. (Private providers may charge an administrative fee.) For an updated list of outreach events, go to http://www.pinellashealth.com/H1N1SwineFlu_VaccineClinics.asp. These Pinellas County Health Department centers are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

- *St. Petersburg:* 205 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St., N. (727) 824-6900
- *Pinellas Park:* 6350 76th Ave., N. (727) 547-7780
- *Largo:* 12420 130th Ave. N., (727) 588-4040
- *Clearwater:* 310 N. Myrtle Ave., (727) 469-5800
- *Tarpon Springs:* 301 S. Disston Ave., (727) 942-5457

For information, call the H1N1 Information Line, (727) 824-6964.