

## NEWS RELEASE

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## FULTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### Fulton County Officials Prepare For Possible Arrival of Swine Flu

*Health officials in Fulton County are not taking the threat lightly*

Health officials have confirmed the first case of Swine Flu in the state of Georgia. While no cases have been identified in Fulton County at this time, Fulton County is taking every precautionary measure to ensure the safety of residents.

Currently, Fulton County has taken the following steps:

- Health Department officials have trained over 400 people to educate the public about Swine Flu.
- Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency will convene a coordination team meeting Friday morning to discuss individual cities plans for Swine Flu outreach.
- The Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness has increased surveillance and communication with the Georgia Division of Public Health and the Centers For Disease Control (CDC) to identify any new cases and advise healthcare providers and the public regarding potential cases in Fulton County.

"We've prepared for this day, and now we must all do our part to educate our residents in the event that it does reach Fulton County," said Zachary Williams, Fulton County Manager."

Swine Flu symptoms are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu. Those symptoms can include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Body and headaches
- Chills and fatigue

Fulton County health officials are recommending that residents take the following proactive measures to protect themselves and their families from Swine Flu.

The recommended measures include:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- If you do not have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your elbow and not your hand. This can help prevent germs from spreading.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

For more information, please call the Fulton County Swine Flu hotline at 404-730-6522 or 404-730-1211.

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