

Information Update from Department of Health

Swine Flu – Monday 11 May 3pm

Ten new cases of swine flu have been confirmed today in England:

2 in London: an adult and a child who are both close contacts of previously confirmed cases.

4 in the East of England: an adult and child who are returning travellers, an adult who is a close contact of a previously confirmed case, and an adult whose source of infection remains under investigation by the HPA.

3 in the North West: two adults who are returning travellers, and an adult who is a close contact of a previously confirmed case.

1 in the South East: a child who is a returning traveller.

A Department of Health spokesperson said:

"All infections in the UK have been mild so far. Thanks to early diagnosis and treatment with antivirals, the spread of the virus is being limited and symptoms reduced.

"But it is right to prepare for the possibility of a global pandemic. The UK's arrangements are continuing to ensure that we are well-placed to deal with this new infection.

"Advice remains the same - if you have flu-like symptoms and are concerned, stay at home. If you can go online, check your symptoms on www.nhs.uk or call the swine flu information line on 0800 1 513 513. If you have taken these steps and are still concerned call your GP or NHS Direct."