Information Update from Department of Health

Swine Flu – Friday 8 May 3:30pm

A Department of Health spokesperson said:

"Five new cases of swine flu have been confirmed in South East London today: one adult, and four children of school age. All are associated with the same school.

"As a precautionary measure, and to contain the spread of the virus, the school is closed, and all children and staff are on antivirals.

"So far, all infections in the UK have been mild, and cases have been diagnosed and treated early. This reduces the severity of symptoms, and helps to limit the spread.

"But we must not be complacent - 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."

Further Information

There are now 39 confirmed cases in the UK – 35 in England and four in Scotland.

If you have flu like symptoms and are concerned, stay at home, if you can go online check your symptoms on the symptom checker 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.