

Swine Flu Death – Statement from the Health Secretary

Monday 29 June

Health Secretary Andy Burnham said:

"I would like to express my condolences to the patient's family at this very difficult time. This is a tragedy for those concerned and they have my heartfelt sympathy.

"Tragic as today's death is I would like to emphasise that, across England, the majority of swine flu cases have not been severe. I would reiterate that the risk to the general public remains low and we can all play our part in slowing the spread of the virus by following simple hygiene procedures – like washing your hands and using tissues when coughing or sneezing.

"We continue to monitor the situation very closely, making sure arrangements are in place so that the UK remains well-placed to deal with this pandemic."