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## Taney County Health Department



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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in collaboration with state and local public health officials are monitoring the recent outbreaks of swine influenza (swine flu). There have been cases of swine flu identified in several states, but there are no reports of cases in Taney County or the state of Missouri.

The Taney and Stone County Health Departments along with other community partners are working together and closely monitoring this evolving situation, with guidance from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The departments have plans in place to address this situation that are regularly reviewed, updated, and practiced. A situation such as swine flu requires everyone working together to prevent the spread of disease including: individuals, businesses, churches and collaboration with other community partners.

The symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to the seasonal flu, which are: fever (greater than 100°F or 37.8°C), body aches, stuffy nose, cough, chills, headache, fatigue or sore throat and sometimes nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. Anyone with flu-like symptoms and may have traveled within the last seven days to areas with confirmed cases, or have had close personal contact in the last seven days with someone believed to have swine flu should contact their health care provider.

The most effective way to protect yourself, family and community is to wash your hands often, with warm water and soap, cover your cough or sneeze, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. If you have flu-like illness stay home from work or school to protect others in the community.

For more information about swine flu visit Taney and Stone County websites at [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org) or [www.stonecountyhealthdepartment.com](http://www.stonecountyhealthdepartment.com) or call the Taney County Health Department at (417) 334-4544 or (417) 546-4725 and the Stone County Health Department at (417) 357-6134 or (417) 272-0050.

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