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Precautions for Summer Camps

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Cases of H1N1 (Swine) Influenza continue to be identified in Riverside County. Eighty two confirmed cases and six probable cases have been reported through June 18, 2009.

The CDC has issued guidance on suggested means to reduce the spread of H1N1 in camp settings. Please review the guidance document with appropriate staff.

Individuals who become ill with fever (100°F or higher) and cough or sore throat should be separated from the general population and kept away from well campers. Suspect cases of H1N1 should be reported to Riverside County Department of Public Health Disease Control at 951-358-5107.

It is important to reinforce general infection control measures which include:

- ❖ Frequent hand washing
- ❖ Availability of hand sanitizers
- ❖ Covering coughs and sneezes
- ❖ Proper disposal of tissues

Please contact Disease Control at the telephone number above for questions on reporting requirements.

Summer months can also present a risk for vector-borne diseases, such as West Nile virus. It is important to educate camp staff and campers about the following preventive measures:

- Avoid mosquito bites by wearing long pants and long-sleeved shirts when you are out in the early morning or in the evening.
- Use insect repellent with DEET in it – spray the areas of your skin not covered by clothing.
- Get rid of standing water around the camp – empty water out of buckets, old tires, flower pots and toys.
- Keep screens in good repair

Please contact your local Vector Control district to report problems with mosquitoes:

City of Riverside	951-351-6127
County of Riverside	951-766-9454
Northwest Region	951-340-9792
Coachella Valley	760-342-8287

For more information, visit Disease Control online: <http://www.rivco-diseasecontrol.org/>