

BURNET COUNTY PRESS RELEASE

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Influenza Virus Update

BURNET COUNTY – Several cases of Influenza A have been identified in Burnet County recently. Area physicians have tested the strain and according to Burnet County Health Authority, Dr. Jules Madrigal, “We are at the point where it is fairly safe to assume any Influenza A is actually the H1N1 strain, and the State Department of Health and Human Services is not recommending we do further testing.”

The symptoms of Influenza A virus strain are fever, sore throat, dry cough, runny nose, muscle aches and fatigue. People with the symptoms are being asked to stay home. In addition, people need to cover their coughs and sneezes and wash their hands frequently.

This will be especially important next week as school begins. The schools are to send children home who have ILI, (Influenza like illness) symptoms, and keep them away from other children until the symptoms pass. The State Department of Health and Human Services is giving schools the option of checking the temperature of children before they enter schools. At this time, school closures are not recommended

Please contact your physician if you have additional questions or concerns.

You can also go to the Burnet County website at www.burnetcountytexas.org to see links, updates and additional information.

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