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**SECOND PROBABLE CASE OF SWINE FLU REPORTED IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY  
Child Is Doing Well, Has Not Attended School Since April 22**

Unsurprisingly, Westchester County has been notified of a second probable case of swine (H1N1) flu in a child from Rye. The county's first probable case was announced yesterday. The Westchester County Department of Health is not releasing identifying information about the child to protect the privacy of the child and the child's family. The County is awaiting confirmation of both probable cases from the CDC in Atlanta. A suspect case in an 85 year-old woman was ruled out yesterday. There are no new cases pending in Westchester County at this time.

The child did not require hospitalization and is now recovering at home and has not been in school since before becoming sick. There has been **no increase** in absenteeism in the school the child attends. Based on the latest information available, the Westchester County Department of Health **has not recommended closing the school the child attends.**

County Executive Andy Spano, along with Dr. Joshua Lipsman, Commissioner of Health and Anthony Sutton, Commissioner of Emergency Services, will continue to monitor developments and provide updates as needed. For prevention information for you, your family or business, go to [www.westchestergov.com](http://www.westchestergov.com).

The CDC has determined that this swine flu virus is spreading from person to person and is thought to occur in the same way as seasonal flu - mainly through coughing or sneezing of infected people. To help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like flu:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

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- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- If you get sick with influenza, stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

For more information, visit the Health Department website at [www.westchestergov.com/health](http://www.westchestergov.com/health) or call the Health Department at (914) 813-5000.

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