

DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH MONITORING FLU DATA

West Hartford Public Schools is closely following information from the State Department of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control, and other agencies monitoring the swine influenza.

Governor M. Jodi Rell announced on Monday, April 27th that she has directed the state Department of Public Health to closely monitor the "swine flu" cases that have been reported in Mexico and various U.S. states. There are no confirmed cases in Connecticut, but Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has confirmed a total of 20 cases of swine flu in the United States.

The Connecticut Dept. of Public Health also asks residents to take precautions to prevent getting the flu or spreading it by staying home from work or school if they are sick, washing their hands constantly, and coughing into their sleeve or a tissue. People who become ill with influenza-like symptoms may want to contact their health care provider, who will determine if influenza testing or treatment is needed. For further information, please see the web sites below:

<http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>

<http://www.hhs.gov/>

<http://www.ct.gov/dph>