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## **Second McLean County H1N1 Fatality**

BLOOMINGTON- McLean County confirms its second death due to H1N1 influenza. An 18-year-old male died on November 3rd. He was admitted to the hospital on October 17<sup>th</sup> and transferred to the Intensive Care Unit. The McLean County Health Department communicable disease staff followed up with the hospital and learned that the man had underlying medical conditions.

Thirty-two H1N1 cases have been confirmed in McLean County since April 2009 and influenza like illnesses continue to rise. McLean County Health Department Administrator Walter Howe reminds residents to be diligent and take the proper precautions during this influenza season. "All efforts are being made to dispense the H1N1 vaccine as soon as it is made available to the health department. People in the priority groups are our initial targets, but all individuals should continue to wash their hands, practice cough etiquette and stay home when sick. It is likely we will see additional cases," Howe said. Additional public vaccination clinics will be scheduled as soon as the next shipment of injectable vaccine arrives. Future clinics will be announced on the McLean County Health Department website at [www.mcleancountyil.gov/health](http://www.mcleancountyil.gov/health).

Symptoms of H1N1 influenza are similar to seasonal influenza and include: fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Anyone experiencing symptoms should stay home and contact their healthcare provider for medical advice.

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