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H1N1 CONTRIBUTED TO WILL COUNTY DEATH

JOLIET – The novel H1N1 flu virus has been identified as a contributing factor in the death of a Will County resident.

A 47-year-old Naperville resident died October 18, shortly after being admitted to Edward Hospital with fever, breathing difficulties, and a cough. The victim had an acute underlying medical condition, and H1N1 was identified during subsequent testing October 20. It marks Will County's first death related to H1N1. Across the state, at least 21 fatalities have now been identified with the novel H1N1 virus.

"It goes without saying that the Will County Health Department extends its sympathy and most sincere condolences to the individual's family," according to Health Department executive director John Cicero. "We know that pregnant women, children, and people with acute underlying medical conditions are most susceptible to the novel H1N1 flu strain. This unfortunate death underscores the need for people with underlying medical conditions to consult a physician if they experience flu-like symptoms and problems like difficulty breathing, dehydration, or chest pain."

The health department urges area residents to get immunized against H1N1 when vaccine becomes available. Information regarding Will County Health Department H1N1 clinics will be available at www.willcountyhealth.org



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