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## News Release

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### **Stanislaus County officials monitor swine flu situation in southern California**

*Stanislaus County, CA* – Stanislaus County officials are on alert as a novel strain of swine flu has appeared in southern California and Texas.

Representatives from the Stanislaus County Chief Executive's Office have met with a team of local officials representing public health, the Office of Emergency Services, Ag Commissioner and county schools to discuss the current state of events.

"We want the public to be aware we are on alert with this situation and we are watching it closely," stated Dr. John Walker, Public Health Officer for Stanislaus County. "At this time, there are a handful of cases in southern California and Texas, but we want to be prepared in the event cases start to appear in other places."

"While there is no indication there are cases in northern California at this time, we feel it is appropriate to closely monitor what is occurring," stated Rick Robinson, Chief Executive Officer for Stanislaus County.

County officials have sent information to local health providers asking them to watch for suspicious cases and to make appropriate notifications.

Officials will continue to monitor the situation and make updates as appropriate.

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