

# H3N2 Influenza Virus Raises New Concerns....

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## C.D.C. Reports Sudden Rise in Mild Cases of Swine Flu

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The number of people reported to have [swine flu](#) has risen sharply in the last week, federal health officials said Thursday, but they are not calling the increase a pandemic because there is no evidence of transmission between humans. So far, all the reported cases have been relatively mild, and have passed to humans through direct contact with pigs.

## First Death Is Reported From New Pig Flu Strain

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The first human death from a new strain of pig [flu](#) was reported Friday by state health officials in Ohio. Federal health officials confirmed the death of a 61-year-old Ohio woman and said 14 other victims had been hospitalized by the new strain. Also, in a shift, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention conceded that there had been “limited person-to-person spread of this virus.” As recently as three weeks ago, the agency insisted that all known cases had been caused by contact with pigs. The new strain is known as H3N2v; the “v” is for “variant.” Thus far, it has proved no more deadly than seasonal flu and can be suppressed by [Tamiflu](#) and Relenza, the most common flu drugs.



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