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**SECOND PEDIATRIC DEATH FROM H1N1 VIRUS
WAS TEN YEAR OLD GIRL**

Tucson, Arizona – May 28, 2009 – The Pima County Health Department is releasing additional information regarding the second pediatric death of complications from the H1N1 virus. The ten year old girl became ill on May 12, 2009 and passed away on May 17, 2009.

As reported previously, this is the second death in Pima County of complications from H1N1 virus. On May 15, 2009, Pima County recorded its first death from the H1N1 virus in a 13 year old boy who suffered from several pre-existing medical conditions. The two children, who are not related, had no travel history outside of the state.

This is the fourth death statewide from the novel H1N1 virus. The current confirmed H1N1 case count for Pima County is 122 while the state has recorded 534.

It is important to remember that the virus is present in our community and those who do become ill need to stay home to prevent exposure to others. The signs and symptoms continue to model seasonal flu – fever, chills, headache, upper respiratory tract symptoms (cough, sore throat, runny nose and shortness of breath), body aches, fatigue, vomiting and/or diarrhea.

Also a must - frequent hand washing and covering coughs and sneezes.

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