

## Tenth Scottish case of swine flu (18/5/2552)

### **A 22-year-old woman from the Greenock area has been confirmed as Scotland's tenth case of swine flu.**

Health Secretary Nicola Sturgeon said the woman had tested positive for the H1N1 strain of the virus.

She said the patient's symptoms were mild and that her condition was "not giving cause for clinical concern".

There are six confirmed cases in the Greenock area, three in Forth Valley and one in Ayrshire and Arran. Four possible cases are under investigation.

They are in Fife, Forth Valley, Greater Glasgow and Clyde and Lothian health board areas.

### **'Very limited'**

Possible cases are defined as people who have flu-like symptoms and have either been in contact with a confirmed case or have travelled to an affected area.

In Greenock, a nursery and a primary school were closed last week, while tests were carried out on two teenagers, a three-year old boy, a five-year-old boy and his mother, who were later confirmed to have swine flu.

Following the confirmation of the sixth case in the Inverclyde town, Ms Sturgeon said: "I would reiterate that the risk to the public from this virus remains low and that the level of person-to-person transmission in Scotland is so far very limited."

The total number of cases of H1N1 infection in the UK has now reached more than 100.

Worldwide, swine flu has affected more than 8,400 people in 39 countries and caused at least 72 deaths.

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Production is to begin on a swine flu vaccine as soon as possible