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## Press Release

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### **Update: Alaska confirms H1N1-related death of a child**

*Fairbanks 10-year old dies of H1N1 flu in Anchorage hospital*

State public health officials report that the 10-year old Fairbanks child who died Friday tested positive for the H1N1 (swine flu) virus. Lab specimens were analyzed at the state public health lab in Anchorage. A confirmation of H1N1 virus was determined late Saturday night, Sept. 5, 2009.

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Fairbanks North Star Borough and Department of Education and Early Development, and other officials will be available to answer questions on this case and about H1N1 in Alaska.

**WHAT:** Press availability: **Alaska's first confirmed H1N1-related death of a child**

**WHEN:** Sunday, Sept. 6, 1 p.m.–2 p.m.

**WHERE:** 3601 C St., Frontier Building, Suite 890

**WHO:** Dr. Elizabeth Funk, state Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health; and others, including representatives of the state Department of Education and Early Development, the Municipality of Anchorage and Fairbanks North Star Borough and Providence Alaska Medical Center.

**For call in, dial 1-800-791-2345 code 24614#.**

More health information on H1N1 can be found at <http://www.pandemicflu.alaska.gov/>.

To view the school/parent H1N1 website developed by the Alaska Department of Education, please visit: <http://www.eed.state.ak.us/>.

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