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### **Alaska reports additional H1N1-related death**

(Anchorage, AK) — The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has learned of the state's third reported death related to novel H1N1 (swine) influenza.

The person was a middle-aged woman from Seward. She was admitted to Providence Alaska Medical Center on Aug. 15, 2009 with flu-like symptoms, including cough and fever. The woman died on Aug. 28 from a combination of respiratory and other pre-existing medical conditions.

A viral sample submitted to the Alaska State Virology Laboratory tested positive for novel H1N1 flu.

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

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