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According to Public Health Director Nancy Winch, the 2 suspect cases that were sent for testing are negative for the H1N1 swine flu. There continues to be no positive cases in Columbia County.

Columbia County residents can call 828-1212 to reach a hot line number as a point of contact for all questions about the H1N1 swine flu only. The public is also encouraged to use the NYSDOH information hot line by calling 1-800-808-1987 or visit these web sites for the most current updated information: www.nyhealth.gov, www.cdc.gov, www.columbiacountyny.com, or www.who.int.

In addition, Ms. Winch stated that the department continues to use the emergency preparedness plan already in place, that includes increased surveillance, protocols, education and awareness about swine flu influenza A (H1N1), in conjunction with the New York State Health Department, Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the World Health Organization (WHO) to get the most up-to-date information and protocols.