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NEWS RELEASE

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The Sheriff's Office is working in conjunction with state and local health officials and the department of emergency management in reference to the H1N1 virus (also known as swine flu). The state currently has a supply of the treatment called Tamiflu. The Center for disease control is working to bolster the state supply. This supply is being shipped to Nevada and will be distributed according to population of the various counties.

The Elko County Sheriff's office wants to be proactive and ensure the citizens of Elko County are informed to the greatest extent possible. The H1N1 virus has flu like symptoms, including fever, aches, and cough. Citizens are asked to see a doctor if they experience any flu symptoms.

Doctors will test the patient to see if they test positive for the flu virus. There are two types of the influenza virus. They are categorized into type A and B. If the patient tests positive for type B the patient will be sent home with no further treatment. If the test is positive for type A an additional test will be performed and sent off to verify if it is the human or swine form.

Citizens can minimize their exposure by following standard health guidelines. This includes frequent washing of the hands, staying away from persons who are infected, and coughing into a tissue or your sleeve.

If citizens have any questions, they are encouraged to contact their local health professional or the Elko County Sheriff's Office at 775-738-3421