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CDC Confirms Soldier has H1N1 Flu

TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER-- As noted in the Governor of Hawaii's news release today, the Centers for Disease Control confirmed that a Hawaii-based Soldier and his spouse have contracted the novel influenza A H1N1 infection.

The Soldier, returning from a trip to Texas, displayed symptoms and sought medical care. He and his wife, who also developed flu-like symptoms, have been treated per pre-established protocol with anti-viral medications and placed on home isolation. Both are now recovering well.

Since the public health emergency was declared last week, the clinical staff at all military treatment facilities in Hawaii have been on heightened alert to screen patients with flu-like symptoms and who have traveled within the past seven days to areas with reported cases.

Army leaders, at all command levels, are taking steps to prevent and reduce the spread of the virus, including educating its military members, its civilian workforce and their families.

“We work year-round with our other military services and the state to coordinate surveillance of emerging infectious diseases. We do this regularly during the flu season in the fall,” said Brig. Gen. Steve Jones, commander of Tripler Army Medical Center. “The soldier that was identified as a possible H1N1 flu case is but one example of how we all work rapidly and effectively together as a team.”