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## **Texas Reports Swine Flu in Child from Mexico City**

Swine influenza has been confirmed in a 22-month-old boy from Mexico City who died earlier this week in a Houston-area hospital. The boy, who had several underlying health problems, had traveled with his family to visit relatives in Texas.

Swine flu was confirmed in laboratory testing done by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. The Texas Department of State Health Services was notified of the finding earlier today.

Preliminary illness investigation information indicates that on April 4 the boy had traveled with his family on a commercial flight from Mexico City to Matamoras, Mexico, for a visit with relatives in Brownsville, just across the Mexico-Texas border.

The boy developed a fever on April 8 followed by other influenza-like symptoms. He was admitted to a Brownsville hospital a few days later and the next day was transferred to a Houston-area hospital by a medical transport service.

Though an illness investigation continues, state health officials said the boy would not have been infectious on the Mexico-to-Matamoras flight and that none of the boy's known close contacts has subsequently become ill with influenza-like symptoms.

Citing personal privacy concerns for the boy's family, medical confidentiality requirements and the absence of an obvious health threat from the boy to the public at large, state health officials declined to provide specific dates or other details at this time.