

# FACTS ABOUT THE FLU OUTBREAK

## Pork and pork products are safe.

- According to the CDC, influenza H1N1 “is not transmitted by food. You cannot get this flu from eating pork or pork products.”
- Dr. William Schaffner, a flu expert at Vanderbilt University has said, “There’s no evidence that any influenza virus, and in particular this one, has ever been transmitted by the foodborne route or by handling food products.”
- U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack, has said that the virus should not be called “swine flu.” “I want to reiterate that U.S. pork is safe,” Secretary Vilsack said. “While we in the United States are continuing to monitor for new cases of H1N1 flu, the American food supply is safe.”
- U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security, Janet Napolitano, has said, “Pork and pork products are safe and there is no basis for restricting imports. You should also know that you cannot get H1N1 flu from eating pork. Pork products are perfectly safe.”
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