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## INFORMATION RELEASE

**Juvenile Death Investigation – Vacaville**  
Solano County Coroner's Office

October 21, 2009

On the evening of October 18, 2009, the emergency room staff at the Vaca Valley Hospital notified the Solano County Coroner's Office of an emergency room death involving a juvenile. According to family members, the unidentified juvenile began feeling ill with flu-like symptoms on Thursday, October 15, 2009 while attending school at the Browns Valley Elementary School. The child displayed symptoms for the next several days. She was taken to Vaca-Valley Hospital on Sunday evening where she succumbed to her illness.

The child was transported to the Solano County Coroner's Office. An autopsy was performed on Monday, October 19, 2009. The cause of death is pending the results of toxicology, flu swab analysis, and further examination.

A preliminary finding from the Solano County Public Health Laboratory has indicated that the juvenile tested positive for Influenza type A. Based on this finding, the sample has been sent to the State Public Health Laboratory for sub-typing. This finding is not a positive indication of H1N1, and is not a verification of the cause of death. Once the cause of death has been determined, an updated press release will be issued.

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