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Canine Influenza Announcement

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The Department recently learned from the University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine (UF, CVM) that multiple cases of respiratory disease have been treated at the hospital in the past week. At least seven cases have been confirmed as H3N2, canine influenza virus. All the treated dogs are in stable condition but several have been hospitalized.

There is no evidence that H3N2 canine influenza virus infects people.

While H3N2 has been circulating throughout the country, this is the first time the virus has been confirmed in Florida. This is a highly contagious virus, and the University of Florida has developed veterinary FAQs and sample collection information sheet, as well as an owner fact sheet for your clients. The information can be found on the UF, CVM website at: <http://hospitals.vetmed.ufl.edu/canine-influenza/>. Additional information can be located on the American Veterinary Medical Association website at: <https://www.avma.org/KB/Resources/Reference/Pages/Canine-Influenza-Backgrounder.aspx>.

Please review this material, so you can help protect dogs in our state. If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Animal Industry at 850-410-0900.