



Swine Flu: What it is and what it isn't **Answers to your clients questions**

- Despite its name, there is no evidence to date that this particular virus originated in pigs or is spread from pigs to people.
- Even though there is no evidence this new virus is found in pigs, swine practitioners have stepped up their surveillance.
- There is no reason to question the safety of your food.
 - While there is no evidence this virus has been found in pigs, even if it were, proper preparation would kill the virus.
 - As always, practice proper food hygiene when preparing meals.
- This virus **is** spread from person to person.
- The incubation period is estimated at 1 to 8 days, typically about 48 hours.
- Be vigilant. Visit your physician if you experience flu-like symptoms.
- Visit www.avma.org for breaking news.

Links to More Information about Swine Flu

AVMA

[Swine Influenza Backgrounder](#)

American Association of Swine Veterinarians (AASV)

[AASV Human Cases of Swine Influenza](#)

CDC

[CDC Swine Flu](#)

USDA

[Be Food Safe](#)

World Health Organization (WHO)

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