

Suspicion of Swine Flu Confirmed

Member of University Staff Tested Positively

Today, suspicion of an infection of a member of the staff of Universität Karlsruhe with the H1N1 virus has been confirmed. Last weekend, he returned from a scientific conference in the USA and then consulted a doctor. Considering the circumstances, he is presently doing well.

Last week, a delegation of eight persons from an institute of Universität Karlsruhe took part in a scientific conference in the USA. After their return on Saturday, one delegation member suffered from flu-like symptoms and consulted a doctor. He was admitted for treatment by the Städtisches Klinikum (municipal hospital). Suspicion of an infection with the swine flu virus has now been confirmed. Meanwhile, the member of staff has left hospital, but still undergoes medical treatment. The other seven persons are under observation and staying at home complying with the necessary protection and isolation measures.

As far as the other employees of Universität Karlsruhe and the students are concerned, there is no reasonable ground for suspecting infection.

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