

White House aide may have caught swine flu

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WASHINGTON -- A member of the advance team for President Obama's trip to Mexico may have been infected with swine flu there, a presidential spokesman said Thursday.

At a White House news briefing, Robert Gibbs, the president's spokesman, said that three members of the aide's family, a nephew and his wife and son, may also have the H1N1 influenza strain. All three were tested by health authorities in Anne Arundel County in Maryland and found to be positive for Type A influenza with a probability that it is H1N1, the strain now spreading around the world.

The aide traveled to Mexico City on April 13 to do advance work for Energy Secretary Stephen Chu's security detail. Gibbs said that he began feeling ill while he was there, and he returned home on April 18.

Everyone in the family showed only mild symptoms and have recovered, Gibbs said. The Centers for Disease Control, which is tracking the spread of the H1N1 strain, is following up on the type of virus that affected them.

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