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## **May Will Convene Panel to Examine Swine Flu Outbreak**

SPRINGFIELD, IL – State Rep. Karen May (D-Highland Park), vice-chair of the House Health Care Availability and Accessibility Committee, announced that the committee will convene on Tuesday, May 5, to hear testimony from state public health officials on the extent of the outbreak of swine flu, also known as the H1N1 virus, in Illinois and the state’s efforts to respond. The committee will also learn about assistance being provided to the state through the federal Department of Health and Human Services, and take testimony from medical experts, epidemiologists and representatives from environmental organizations on the origins, means of transmission, and possibility of preventing future outbreaks of the disease.

“The Federal Government has already called this outbreak an emergency, and now that cases are being reported in Illinois it is critical that we closely monitor the state’s response so we can ensure the health and well-being of citizens of Illinois to the best of our ability,” May said. “I urge people to take precautions against the spread of this flu and seek immediate treatment if flu-like symptoms occur.”

May’s committee will meet Tuesday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m. in Room C-1 of the Stratton Building.

<b>What:</b>	Health Care Availability and Accessibility Committee Subject Matter Hearing on Swine Flu Outbreak
<b>Who:</b>	State Rep. Mary Flowers (D-Chicago), Chair State Rep. Karen May (D-Highland Park), Vice-Chair State Public Health Officials Medical Experts Representatives from Environmental Organizations
<b>When:</b>	Tuesday, May 5, 2009 3:00 p.m.
<b>Where:</b>	Stratton Building, Room C-1 Illinois State Capitol

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