



Are You Sick of H1N1 Flu?

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Everyone's talking about it. The president, the governor, county health officials, and you, all seem to be talking about it everyday. But if you haven't traveled to either Mexico, Texas or New York City, you haven't gotten it. Is all this talk over nothing?

"We're not afraid of the Swine Flu," said Rochester resident Lora Benson.

"I do think that the media tends to overblow, and to make a story where maybe there is not such a great story," said Sue Eisenberg of Brighton.

But all the flu fever has had an effect. Knowledge is as widespread as worry.

"No one has had it who hasn't been to Mexico. I don't see why it hasn't been talked about so much, but I am definitely worried about it," said Michelle Haymes of Brighton.

It just so happens that there's a statewide doctor's convention being held here in Rochester Friday. And doctors there say we're giving H1N1 the proper amount of coverage because it's still unclear how bad it's going to get."

"We're worried that since it's been so long since the Asian Flu and the Hong Kong Flu in the early," said Dr. David Hannan of the Emergency Preparedness Board of New York.

He says the daily briefings being held by almost every level of government are worthwhile.

"The media coverage is important to raise people's level of awareness," said Hannan.

The county held another briefing today.

"We want people to pay attention. We don't want to let them get stuck in a situation where things that are happening to them are unexpected," said Andrew Doniger, the Monroe County Health Director.

"I'd rather hear about it, than get no news at all and find out we should have heard about it sooner," said Lois Chapin.

If anything about H1N1 is certain, it's that coverage hasn't been hard to find.
