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GHA Establishes Swine Flu Telephone Line

Today at 1pm, the GHA established a telephone line which is specific in its purpose to provide clinical advice to people and their immediate contacts who have arrived or recently arrived within the past 7 days from infected areas such as Mexico, California Texas, New York etc.

The clinical advice will direct those with flu symptoms to remain at home and await the arrival of the GHA doctor to assess diagnose and treat as necessary. If flu is suspected, they will be tested treated with Tamiflu and isolated. Their contacts will also be tested and treated appropriately.

The telephone number of the hotline is **200 44411**

The telephone will be answered by a health professional and will be available 24 hours a day.

The purpose of the line is to ensure that those with flu symptoms are treated efficiently, are isolated at home and receive the advise necessary to ensure a speedy recovery.

The C3 will be providing a leaflet of general information asking the many questions regarding the properties of the new virus and good infection control practise.

The GHA wishes to advise the public that this hotline is solely for patients and their contacts and is not a general information line.