

CDC: Swine flu cases seem to be dropping in US

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(AP) -- Health officials say swine flu cases appear to declining throughout most of the U.S., but the specter of Thanksgiving gatherings next week makes it hard to predict what will happen next.

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) said Friday that reports of [swine flu](#) illnesses were widespread in 43 states last week, down from 46 the week before.

CDC officials also say reports have been increasing in a few states, including Maine and Hawaii. They say it's hard to know whether the epidemic has peaked or not, and many people will be gathering - and spreading [germs](#) - next week at Thanksgiving.

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