

CDC: Swine flu made 57 million Americans ill

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(AP) -- Swine flu cases are down, but health officials say the disease's cumulative impact has grown to 57 million U.S. illnesses, 257,000 hospitalizations and 11,690 deaths.

The <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u> released the new estimates Friday. They represent cases from the time swine flu was first identified in April through mid-January - the first nine months of the pandemic.

The numbers represent increases of about 4 percent from the CDC's last estimates, which covered the first eight months. New <u>swine flu</u> cases peaked in October but declined since, and have not been widespread in any state for more than a month.

More information: CDC report: http://www.cdc.gov

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