

Two die of A(H1N1) swine flu in Mexico: official

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An outbreak of A(H1N1) swine flu claimed the lives of two people -- 19 and 21 years old -- in Mexico's capital in the first weeks of the year, health authorities said Saturday.

The health secretary of Mexico's Federal District, Armando Ahued, said there were 138 confirmed cases of the flu, including 110 cases of A(H1N1), a [novel strain](#) of the swine flu that was first detected in 2009.

Nationwide, 333 cases of the virus have been confirmed, the federal government's health secretary said earlier in the week, without saying how many deaths had been attributed to it.

The latest victims were a 19-year-old and a 21-year-old who died in separate hospitals.

"The tendency toward an increase in [flu cases](#) is normal because January is the month with the lowest temperatures," said Ahued adding that the incidence of flu should begin to subside in February.

The first outbreak of the A(H1N1) virus occurred in April, 2009 in Mexico and the United States, and quickly became a [global pandemic](#) that claimed the lives of 17,000 people. In Mexico alone, more than 1,250 people died.

The [World Health Organization](#) declared the pandemic over in 2010 as the flu returned to typical seasonal patterns.

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