

More than 1,000 confirmed with swine flu

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More than 1,000 Australians have tested positive for swine flu.

Eight people in Tasmania have now been confirmed as having the virus after two more positive results.

Public Health Physician Kelly Shaw said the new cases included a woman who had recently travelled to Victoria - the first confirmed case swine flu in the state's north.

An ambulance officer from Tasmania's northwest is the other new case, Dr Shaw said in a statement.

"Both of the new cases are in home isolation and following the advice of public health officials," Dr Shaw said.

North West Ambulance Superintendent Paul Templar said swine flu continued to put pressure on staffing in the region.

He said the third staff member confirmed to have the virus had been in home isolation for some days, because of close contact with previous cases.

"In addition to the three officers with confirmed human swine flu, we have another 10 staff in home isolation, either because they were close contacts of the confirmed cases or because they were showing symptoms of flu-like illness," Mr Templar said.

"That means that we currently have 13 staff members who are unavailable for the roster."

South Australia has 11 cases after an 18-year-old man from South Australia tested positive.

The man had recently travelled to Melbourne, the SA Department of Health said.

WA's swine flu tally has risen to four with two new cases.

The state's Department of Health said the most recent confirmed cases were an 11-year-old boy who returned from Melbourne on June 1 and a 23-year-old woman who returned from Melbourne on June 3.

"Both patients are at home and are doing well," the department said in a statement.

Victoria has 874 confirmed cases of H1N1 human swine influenza, according to the latest figures released.

Queensland has 37 confirmed cases after five new cases of the H1N1 virus were added.

"The latest cases included three from Brisbane and two from the Gold Coast," Queensland Health said in a statement released on Saturday.

Meanwhile, in NSW 78 people have been confirmed as having swine flu.

NSW Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant said 54 of them were associated with the Pacific Dawn cruise ship, a further 18 associated with overseas travel and six cases acquired in Victoria.

ACT health authorities said the territory has seven confirmed cases of the influenza A(H1N1) virus.

And the Northern Territory has two confirmed cases, according to the latest available information.