Washington, DC (April 28, 2009) - Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-IL, released the following statement after hearing about a possible case of Swine Flu at Kilmer Elementary in Illinois. Rep. Schakowsky will meet with Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano today to discuss Swine Flu in the United States.

"The detection of several potential swine flu cases in Illinois may cause many of us concern or fear but residents should not panic. All levels of the government are working together to take the necessary precautions and action to treat infected individuals and prevent the spread of the illness. Immediately after a potential case was found at Kilmer Elementary, in my district, Mayor Daley and Chicago Public Schools SuperintendentRon Huberman acted to prevent further infection and protect others in the community."

"Residents should follow the measures outline by the CDC to protect themselves and the community: wash your hands often, cover your mouth with a tissue when you sneeze or cough and dispose of the tissue, and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth and contact with sick people."