The reported number of cases of H1N1 (swine flu) in California do not reflect how many actual cases there may be in the state because individuals in outpatient settings are no longer being tested for the presence of the virus and many cases go undetected due to the mild nature of disease among most people. Laboratory testing is limited to individuals with serious H1N1 illness, including hospitalized patients, and those at high risk for complications. An update of the number of cases is published on a weekly basis to provide an estimate of H1N1 frequency among those patients being tested.

For more information, please visit: http://www.cdph.ca.gov/data/statistics/Pages/H1N1FluData.aspx