

MEDIA ALERT

ADVICE FOR TRAVELLERS CANCELLING HOLIDAYS AFTER CONTRACTING SWINE FLU

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The swine flu vaccination programme has kicked off in the UK but with the onset of winter, the number of infections from the H1N1 swine flu virus is expected to rise. With Christmas and the new year break on the horizon, leading travel insurance website, insurewithease.com, is advising those planning a break away to check the terms of their travel insurance policy in case they contract swine flu and are unable to take their holiday.

“Swine flu is a very real concern for travellers, especially as winter is expected to see an increase in cases,” explains Paul Byrne, CEO, [insurewithease](http://insurewithease.com). “But as an industry we’ve not made it particularly easy for policyholders to know what to do as each travel insurance company has its own policy and conditions for making a claim.”

“Certainly before cancelling their trip, holidaymakers diagnosed with Swine Flu should check their policy and how to claim, don’t just assume that you are covered. Also make sure it really is the H1N1 virus by contacting the NHS hotline. It is important for people to realise that they cannot claim for a holiday that was cancelled out of the fear of infection. It’s also advisable for those with a pre-existing medical condition who might be at greater risk from swine flu, to contact their travel insurer to check if they are covered for cancellation or emergency treatment.

Insurewithease offers four simple steps to assist customers with their claim:

1. Contact insurewithease to log that you are unable to travel
2. Contact your GP and request a note confirming that you are sick
3. If the GP/doctor will not see you go to the NHS website/NHS hotline and request a reference number in order to obtain your swine flu medication
4. Once you have completed your medication course, write to insurewithease enclosing the completed medication course/box

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insurewith ease GOLD Annual Travel Policy

By taking out an insurewith ease annual travel policy, travellers can not only take the hassle out of arranging cover each time they go away, but they can save money too! And the insurewith ease GOLD annual travel policy includes golf, winter sports, wedding and business travel insurance as standard. This means no hidden extras!

Key benefits

- Unlimited trips throughout the year, max. 31 days each trip with bronze and silver, 45 days with gold
- Gold policies include: winter sports, golf, business and wedding cover as standard
- FREE cover for children under 18 with Gold cover
- Excess waiver option
- 24-hour worldwide emergency and medical assistance
- Text message service providing policy number and emergency assistance details