

Travel INFORMATION

SPEED CAMERAS

Police traffic safety cameras will be at the following locations in Northamptonshire:

TODAY:

- A361 Welton
- C196 Royal Oak Way South, Daventry
- A5 Long Buckby to Watford
- A43 Collyweston
- A43 Duddington
- A43 Collyweston to Easton on the Hill
- A6 Burton Latimer bypass
- A43 Collyweston

TOMORROW:

- B4525 Helmdon
- A5 Towcester
- B4100 Aynho
- A361 Kilsby
- A5 Crick
- A428 Northampton
- A5076 Northampton
- A508 Stoke Bruerne to Grafton Regis
- A508 Grafton Regis



PETROL WATCH

The lowest prices for unleaded petrol in Northampton:

- Morrisons, Victoria Promenade94.9p
- Spar, Westbridge.....94.9p
- Abington Express, Wellingboro Rd*94.9p
- Morrisons, Kettering Road94.9p
- Shell, London Road*94.9p

The lowest prices for diesel in Northampton:

- Morrisons, Victoria Promenade101.9p
- Morrisons, Kettering Road101.9p
- Far Cotton Filling Station102.9p
- W Grose, Kingsthorpe Hollow*102.9p
- TCS, Towcester Road.....102.9p

Prices correct as of April 29 (*27/28), 2009. More prices available at www.petrolprices.com

ROADWORKS

Current roadworks on roads in and around Northampton include:

- HUNSBURY: Two-way traffic signals in Banbury Lane, Northampton, for roadworks.
- KINGSTHORPE/BOUGHTON: Two-way traffic signals in Brampton Lane during work on footpath and verges.
- NORTHAMPTON: Multi-way traffic signals in Cherry Lodge Road, Northampton, for construction of roundabout at junction with Wellingborough Road (ends this week).
- NORTHAMPTON: Lane closure in Eagle Drive, Northampton, for work on footpath.

For more roadworks visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

COMMUTING

ROADS: Southbound slip of M1 at Junctions 15 and 15A (11pm to 5am) work until June 5.

RAIL: London Midland: From Saturday, 7.30am, to 1.30pm on Monday: Reduced service from Euston and Milton Keynes Central, with buses between Milton Keynes and Northampton; 7.30am Saturday to 4pm on Sunday, buses between Rugby and Northampton; Sunday to 8am, buses Euston to Northampton.

Virgin Trains: Saturday & Sunday, hourly service between Euston and Coventry, via High Wycombe, not Rugby. Until noon on Monday, weekend services start and end at Rugby. Shuttle Euston to Milton Keynes. Buses Milton Keynes to Northampton and Rugby.

MORE INFORMATION

WEBSITES & TELEPHONE CONTACTS: TRANSPORT IN LONDON:

www.tfl.gov.uk/tfl/livetravelnews/realtime/tube/default.html

RAIL: www.nationalrail.co.uk/service_bulletins/today.html#engineering (National Rail 0845 7484950)

ROADS: www.trafficengland.com (Traffic England 08700 660 115) www.highways.gov.uk/traffic/ (Highways Agency 08700 660 115)

SwineFluInsight: As the world braces

Firm called in for swine flu outbreak



■ Technical support engineer Charles Barlow of Irisys with the thermal imaging camera

CE picture by TRACEY CHAMBERS 090430TC4

AN INTELLIGENCE technology company in Northampton has been inundated with calls about its infrared device which can detect fever in light of the imminent swine flu pandemic.

Irisys, based in Swan Valley, Northampton, created the IRI 2010 which sets off an alarm if anyone passes through its infrared rays at a temperature of 38C or higher.

It was in huge demand during the SARS (severe respiratory syndrome) outbreak in Singapore in 2003, and airports are now enquiring about the device to help contain swine flu.

Nick Stogdale, customer service manager at the company, said: "It is a product that we have made for a good number of years now. We basically got asked by some of our customers about whether [infrared technology] can be used in this way.

"You can see hot spots which makes it immediately obvious if someone has a fever.

"If you have people passing through immigration points they can pass through these cameras and you get a heat measurement and a temperature reading.

"It's a way of seeing a lot of people very quickly."

The normal body temperature of a person is 37C and, if it goes higher than 38C, that person is usually suffering some kind of fever, which could be a sign that someone is coming down with swine flu. If caught at this stage, the disease could be contained so that further people do not catch it.

A unit installed for a three-day trial at Changi Airport in Singapore during the SARS outbreak detected a suspected case of the syndrome on the second morning.

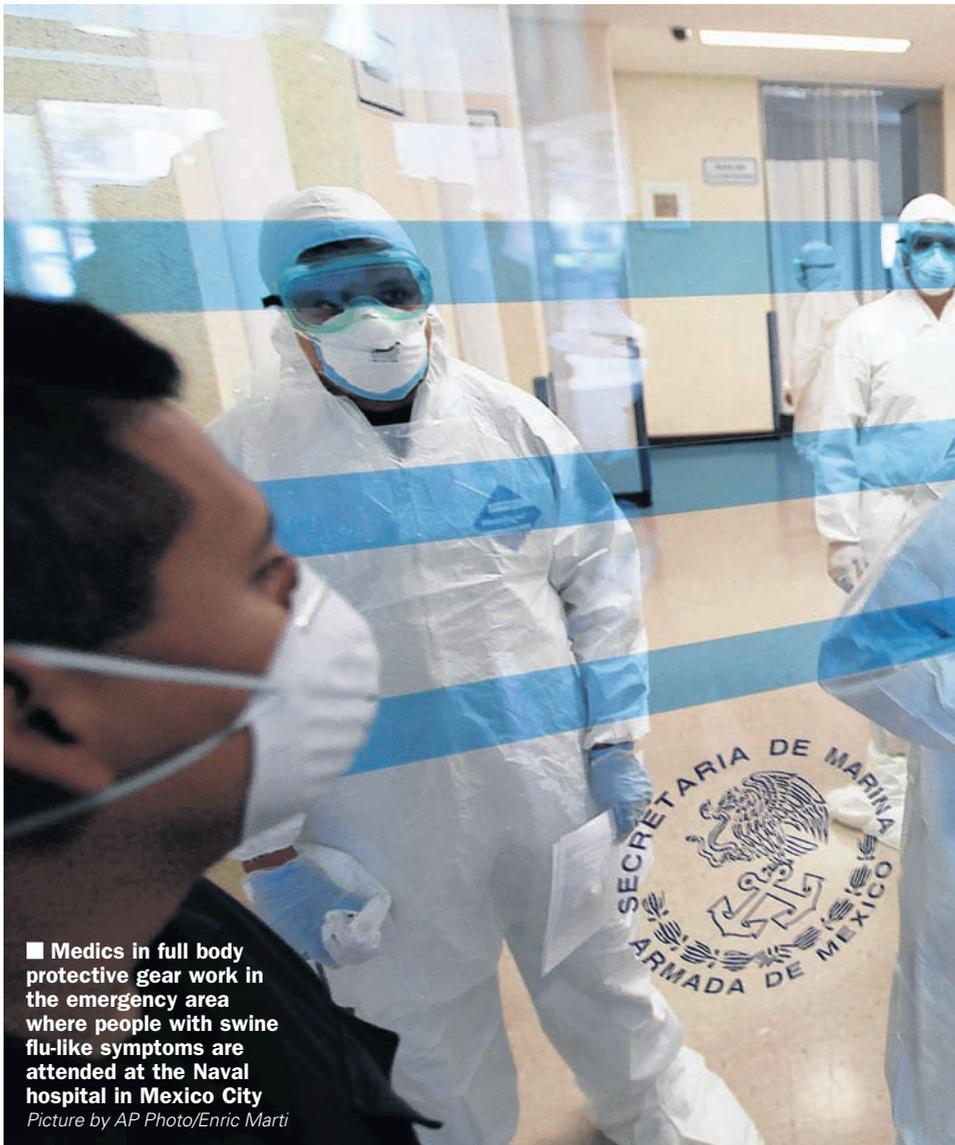
Mr Stogdale emphasised that the device is not a diagnostics tool, and will not say whether someone has got swine flu or SARS, but shows if someone is suffering a symptom of a fever.

HEAT Seeking



■ How the technology detects different levels of body heat to check for signs of illness

Pandemic



■ Medics in full body protective gear work in the emergency area where people with swine flu-like symptoms are attended at the Naval hospital in Mexico City

Picture by AP Photo/Enric Marti

Hospitals put

STOCKpiles of anti-viral drugs and protective clothing are being prepared by the UK Government as the world waits to see if the swine flu outbreak reaches a pandemic scale.

Over the next few days every home across the country should receive a leaflet giving advice on the new H1N1 virus with information about the outbreak and advice on preventing its spread.

The virus broke out in Mexico last weekend killing a suspected 169 people and has since spread to Europe, America, Canada and New Zealand. There have been five confirmed cases in the UK but all are responding well to treatment, and only one death outside Mexico, of a Mexican child being treated in Texas, America.

Yesterday the World Health Organisation raised the alert level to five, out of a possible six, indicating human to human transmission in at least two countries, and an 'imminent' pandemic.

Liam Donaldson the Government's chief medical advisor has warned that Britain will see "many, many more cases" of swine flu but that most of those affected will recover.

In Northamptonshire hospitals and GP surgeries are on standby to deal with a deluge of patients and cope with a potential loss of staff, should they fall ill as well.

Health chiefs recently rubber-stamped plans to combat any outbreak of influenza in Northamptonshire following minor concerns last month that the county could have been under prepared.

A spokesman for NHS Northamptonshire said the worries have been addressed and the county was vigilant against an outbreak.

He added that the county had enough antiviral tablets for one in four people in the county but was working towards stockpiling enough for half the population.

Dr Anthony Pickering, chairman of the Local Medical Committee and a GP at Denton surgery, said that although they were prepared, surgeries were not sitting on piles of drugs and clothing, as these were being stored in depots by the Government.

He explained: "The Health Protection Agency has identified protective clothing that health personnel would require in event of a pandemic -