



# CDC Updates for Clinicians

Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA)  
Emergency Communication System

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The following updates were made to CDC information and guidance from **May 4 - May 11, 2009**. If you have any questions on these or other clinical issues, please write to us at [coca@cdc.gov](mailto:coca@cdc.gov).

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## COCA CALL TODAY!

### **Pediatric Health Issues Related to the Current Outbreak of Novel H1N1 Influenza**

We will have an update on pediatric health issues that have been addressed since the beginning of the outbreak, followed by a section for questions and answers from participants on the call. We look forward to hearing your questions and concerns on pediatric health related to the current outbreak.

**Date: May 11, 2009**

**Time: 4:00PM ET**

**Call in number: 800-369-1826**

**Participant Passcode: 5072327**

## Novel H1N1 Influenza Investigation

Information on the novel H1N1 influenza investigation is posted daily to the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu>

CDC is reporting **2,600** laboratory confirmed human infections with novel H1N1 flu in **43** states and the District of Columbia (D.C.) in the United States. Three deaths in the U.S. have been confirmed from this outbreak to date. The third death occurred in the state of Washington in a 39-year old and was reported on Sunday, May 10, 2009.

### **Novel H1N1 Influenza: Resources for Clinicians - CDC - May 11**

This page is designed to give clinicians access to the latest guidelines and information on the evolving novel H1N1 influenza investigation.

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/clinicians>

### **Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infections- Worldwide - CDC MMWR**

- May 8

Since mid-April 2009, CDC, state and local health authorities in the United States, the World Health Organization (WHO), and health ministries in several countries have been responding to an outbreak of influenza caused by a novel influenza A (H1N1) virus

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5817a1.htm>

### **Detection of Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus by Laboratory Testing - FDA - May 6**

Laboratorians should maintain awareness of unusual findings and report inaccurate testing results or other problems to the device manufacturer and/or FDA. Health care professionals and consumers may report serious adverse events, such as inaccurate results, or product quality problems with the use of influenza detection assays to the FDA's MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting program either online, by regular mail, fax or phone.

[http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/oivd/h1n1influenza\\_test.html](http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/oivd/h1n1influenza_test.html)

### **FDA Approves New Influenza Vaccine Production Facility - FDA - May 6**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) today announced that it has approved a new manufacturing facility used to produce influenza virus vaccines. The facility is approved for seasonal influenza vaccine production and could be used for the production of vaccine against the new 2009 H1N1 influenza strain.

<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2009/NEW02008.html>

## **Emergency Preparedness and Response**

### **Tools for Planners to Safeguard Children During a Public Health Emergency - AHRQ - May 6**

This audio podcast features current news and information from the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) on two new tools to help emergency planners better care for children during public health emergencies.

<http://www.healthcare411.org/podcast.aspx?id=500>

## **Travelers' Health**

### **Travel Warning: Novel H1N1 Flu and Severe Cases of Respiratory Illness in Mexico - Avoid Nonessential Travel to Mexico - CDC - May 9**

The Government of Mexico is continuing to report confirmed human cases of novel H1N1 flu in Mexico. For the most current case count and information, see the updates posted on the [World Health Organization \(WHO\) Influenza A \(H1N1\) website](#). Experts from WHO, the Global Alert and Response Network (GOARN), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are working with health authorities in Mexico to investigate the spread and severity of the novel H1N1 flu outbreak in Mexico.

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/content/travel-health-warning/novel-h1n1-flu-mexico.aspx>

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