



CDC Updates for Clinicians

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COCA Conference Call

The audio and interim transcript of the recent COCA Conference Call, July 15 - H1N1 Vaccine, is now available. Please click on the following link below:

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/callinfo.asp>

Novel H1N1 & Seasonal Influenza

Novel H1N1 Flu Situation Update - CDC - Jul 17

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/update.htm>

Novel H1N1 Influenza: Resources for Clinicians - CDC

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/>

President Obama designates \$1.825 billion emergency funds to combat H1N1 threat - The White House Press Office - Jul 16

Congress appropriated \$7.65 billion to the Department of Health and Human Services for the 2009-H1N1 influenza outbreak, including a \$5.8 billion contingent appropriation for an influenza pandemic.

http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/

Home Care Guidance: Physician Directions to Patient/Parent - CDC - Jul 16

This resource provides physicians and other healthcare providers home care instructions (e.g., physician directions) for patients and parents of patients with symptoms of novel H1N1.

http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance_homecare_directions.htm

Changes in reporting requirements for pandemic (H1N1) 2009 virus infection - WHO - Jul 16

WHO will no longer issue the global tables showing the numbers of confirmed cases for all countries.

http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/notes/h1n1_surveillance

10 Steps You Can Take: Actions for Novel H1N1 Influenza Planning and Response for Medical Offices and Outpatient Facilities - CDC- Jul 15

It is critical to assure that medical offices and other outpatient facilities (e.g., outpatient/ambulatory clinics, outpatient surgery centers, urgent care centers, physical therapy/rehabilitation offices or clinics) that provide routine, episodic, and/or chronic healthcare services can manage an increased demand for services in the

midst of a novel H1N1 influenza outbreak.

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/10steps.htm>

Seasonal Influenza Weekly Report: Influenza Summary Update - CDC - Jul 17

During week 27 (July 5-11, 2009), influenza activity decreased in the United States, however, there were still higher levels of influenza-like illness than is normal for this time of year.

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly>

Weekly US Map - CDC - Jul 17

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/usmap.htm>

Emergency Preparedness & Response

HHS Purchases Additional H1N1 Vaccine Ingredients - HHS - Jul 13

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced that the department will commit \$884 million to purchase additional supplies of two key ingredients for potential H1N1 vaccine to further prepare the nation for a potential resurgence of the 2009 H1N1 virus.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/07/20090713b.html>

WHO recommendations on pandemic (H1N1) 2009 vaccines - WHO - Jul 13

the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization held an extraordinary meeting in Geneva to discuss issues and make recommendations related to vaccine for the pandemic (H1N1) 2009.

http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/notes/h1n1_vaccine

Learn to Prevent & Recognize Concussions - CDC - Jul 20

To help ensure the health and safety of young athletes, CDC developed the Heads Up: Concussion in Youth Sports initiative to offer information about concussions—a type of traumatic brain injury—to coaches, parents, and athletes involved in youth sports.

<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/Concussion/>

Travelers' Health

New Update Possible Novel H1N1 Flu Screening for International Travelers - CDC - Jul 14

Due to the outbreak of novel H1N1 flu occurring in the United States and many other countries, airport staff in some countries may check the health of arriving passengers. Many countries, including Japan and China, are screening arriving passengers for illness due to novel H1N1 flu. These health screenings are being used to reduce the spread of novel H1N1 flu.

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/content/news-announcements/delays-H1N1-screening.aspx>

Food Safety & Recalls

USDA and HHS Praise Guidelines for Foodborne Disease Outbreak Response - HHS - Jul 15

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius commended the Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response (CIFOR) for the new *Guidelines for Foodborne Disease Outbreak Response*. These guidelines assist local, state and federal agencies in preventing and managing foodborne disease outbreaks through planning, detection, investigation, control and prevention.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/07/20090715c.html>

For the most recent FDA and FSIS updated recall information on *E. coli* 0157:H7 and *Salmonella* infections please click on the following links below:

<http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/default.htm>

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis_Recalls/Open_Federal_Cases/index.asp

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