



# 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 **Jul 27 - Aug 03, 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 Conference Call

### Novel Influenza A H1N1 and Pregnant Women - Update

**Presenters:** Denise Jamieson, MD  
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**Date/Time:** 08/05 at 3:00 - 4:00 PM ET  
**Bridgeline:** 888-283-2960  
**Participant Passcode:** 3602229

There will be no PowerPoint presentation and no CE credits/contact hours for this call.

## Novel H1N1 & Seasonal Influenza

**Novel H1N1 Flu Situation Update - CDC - July 31**  
<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/>

**Novel H1N1 Flu: Facts and Figures - CDC - Jul 31**

When the novel H1N1 flu outbreak was first detected in mid-April 2009, CDC began working with states to collect, compile and analyze information regarding the novel H1N1 outbreak. On July 24, 2009 official reporting of individual cases of confirmed and probable novel H1N1 infection was discontinued.

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

**Pandemic influenza in pregnant women - WHO - Jul 31**

Research conducted in the USA and published has drawn attention to an increased risk of severe or fatal illness in pregnant women when infected with the H1N1 pandemic virus.

[http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/notes/h1n1\\_pregnancy](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/notes/h1n1_pregnancy)

### **Seasonal Influenza Weekly Report: Influenza Summary Update - CDC - Jul 31**

During week 29 (July 19-25, 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 31**

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

## **Influenza Vaccine Update**

### **Preparing for Vaccination with Novel H1N1 Vaccine - CDC - Jul 31**

Given uncertainty around the amount and timing of vaccine availability, state and local public health planners have been asked to plan for vaccine becoming available mid-October.

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/provider/preparing.htm>

### **Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), 2009 - CDC/MMWR - Jul 31**

In the United States, annual epidemics of seasonal influenza occur typically during the late fall through early spring. Influenza viruses can cause disease among persons in any age group, but rates of infection are highest among children. Rates of serious illness and death are highest among persons aged  $\geq 65$  years, children aged  $< 2$  years, and persons of any age who have medical conditions that place them at increased risk for complications from influenza.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5808a1.htm>

### **Novel H1N1 Vaccination Recommendations - CDC - Jul 30**

With the new H1N1 virus continuing to cause illness, hospitalizations and deaths in the US during the normally flu-free summer months and some uncertainty about what the upcoming flu season might bring, CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has taken an important step in preparations for a voluntary novel H1N1 vaccination effort to counter a possibly severe upcoming flu season. On July 29, ACIP met to consider who should receive novel H1N1 vaccine when it becomes available.

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/acip.htm>

### **ACIP Presentation Slides**

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/acip/slides-july09-flu.htm>

## **Emergency Preparedness and Response**

### **Managing Calls and Call Centers during a Large-Scale Influenza Outbreak: Implementation Tool - CDC - Jul 30**

During a response to a large-scale influenza outbreak such as the current H1N1 outbreak, a community's 9-1-1 and healthcare systems may experience a surge in calls or walk-in visits for care, advice, and information. This implementation tool provides a step-by-step approach by focusing on alternative call center resources.

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

CDC has recently released two new additional important preparedness and response tools on its website. These tools can be downloaded and installed for free from <http://emergency.cdc.gov/>

## **Travelers' Health**

### **Explore Travel Health with the New 2010 Yellow Book - CDC - Jul 27**

The Yellow Book is published every two years by CDC as a reference for those who advise international travelers about health risks. The Yellow Book is written primarily for health professionals, but others find it very useful.

<http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/content/yellowbook/home-2010.aspx>

## **Food Safety & Recalls**

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To learn more about the most recent product recalls from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the United States Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA/FSIS) please visit the following websites:

FDA - <http://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls/default.htm> \_

USDA/FSIS - [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis\\_Recalls/Open\\_Federal\\_Cases/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis_Recalls/Open_Federal_Cases/index.asp)

## HHS Secretary Sebelius, Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Announce New Strategies to Keep America's Food Supply Safe - HHS - Jul 31

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that prevention and partnership will guide their departments' efforts to safeguard the food Americans eat every day. Both Secretaries announced new strategies that focus on prevention and depend on working closely with growers, food processors and consumers to achieve their goals.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/07/20090731a.html>

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