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## Novel H1N1 & Seasonal Influenza

### Novel H1N1 Flu Situation Update - CDC - Aug 07

<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/>

### Evaluation of Rapid Influenza Diagnostic Tests for Detection of Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus - United States, 2009 - CDC/MMWR - Aug 07

The recent appearance and worldwide spread of novel influenza A H1N1 virus has highlighted the need to evaluate commercially available, widely used, rapid influenza diagnostic tests (RIDTs) for their ability to detect these viral antigens in respiratory clinical specimens.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5830a2.htm>

### CDC Recommendations for the Amount of Time Persons with Influenza-Like Illness Should be Away from Others - CDC - Aug 05

CDC recommends that people with influenza-like illness remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100° F [37.8°C]), or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/exclusion.htm>

### Update on School (K – 12) and Child Care Programs: Interim CDC Guidance in Response to Human Infections with the Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus - CDC - Aug 05

This document updates the previous document by reorganizing the information into information for K-12th grades versus child care programs. However, this document does NOT make any changes in guidance for these settings.

[http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/K12\\_dismissal.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/K12_dismissal.htm)

### Seasonal Influenza Weekly Report: Influenza Summary Update - CDC - Aug 07

During week 30 (July 26-August 1, 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 - Aug 07**  
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/usmap.htm>

## Vaccine Update

### **Updated Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Regarding Routine Poliovirus Vaccination - CDC/MMWR - Aug 07**

This report updates Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for routine poliovirus vaccination. These updates aim to emphasize the importance of the booster dose at age  $\geq 4$  years, extend the minimum interval from dose 3 to dose 4 from 4 weeks to 6 months, add a precaution for the use of minimum intervals in the first 6 months of life, and clarify the poliovirus vaccination schedule when specific combination vaccines are used.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5830a3.htm>

### **Safety of pandemic vaccines - WHO - Aug 06**

WHO is aware of some media reports that have expressed concern about the safety of vaccines for pandemic influenza. The public needs to be reassured that regulatory procedures in place for the licensing of pandemic vaccines, including procedures for expediting regulatory approval, are rigorous and do not compromise safety or quality controls.

[http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/notes/h1n1\\_safety\\_vaccines\\_20090805](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/notes/h1n1_safety_vaccines_20090805)

### **Pandemic influenza vaccine manufacturing process and timeline- WHO - Aug 06**

It takes approximately five to six months for the first supplies of approved vaccine to become available once a new strain of influenza virus with pandemic potential is identified and isolated. These months are needed because the process of producing a new vaccine involves many sequential steps, and each of these steps requires a certain amount of time to complete.

[http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/notes/h1n1\\_vaccine\\_20090806/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/notes/h1n1_vaccine_20090806/en/index.html)

## Emergency Preparedness and Response

### **H1N1 SUMMIT WEBCAST - HHS - Aug 04**

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano, Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan joined with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases Dr. Anne Schuchat to discuss H1N1 preparedness and answer questions from the public.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/08/20090804a.html>

## Travelers' Health

### **Update on the Global Status of Polio - CDC - Aug 07**

Although there is no risk of catching polio in the United States and many other parts of the world, polio is still a risk to travelers who are going to certain countries.

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/content/in-the-news/polio-outbreaks.aspx>

## Food Safety & Recalls

### **Food Safety and Recalls**

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)

### **FDA Issues Pharmaceutical Industry Guidance on Preventing Melamine Contamination -**

**FDA - Aug 06**

In a guidance issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration says that certain pharmaceutical ingredients used in the manufacture or preparation of drug products should be tested for melamine.

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm176088.htm>

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