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The following updates were made to CDC information and guidance from **Sept 26 - Nov 02, 2009**. If you have any questions on these or other clinical issues, please write to us at coca@cdc.gov.

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COCA Conference Call & News Briefings

COCA Call – Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1) in Critically Ill Patients

Date and time: Wednesday, November 04, 2009 from 3 - 4 PM ET

Call-In: 888-283-2960 Passcode: 7113863

The PowerPoint Presentation will be available on the COCA website on November 4th: <http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/callinfo.asp>. Continuing Education credit/contact hours will not be available.

Weekly 2009 H1N1 Flu Media Briefings - CDC - Nov 02

CDC will be hosting (2) press conferences this week to provide an update on 2009 H1N1 flu and vaccine distribution.

Date and time: Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 12 PM, ET

Speaker: Anne Schuchat, M.D., Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases

Date and time: Friday, November 6, 2009 at 1 PM, ET

Speaker: Thomas R. Frieden, M.D., MPH, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Call-in: 800-369-1890 Passcode: CDC Media

The briefing will be broadcast live at www.flu.gov

2009 H1N1 & Seasonal Influenza

Key Points - Oct 30

- Latex is not an ingredient of vaccines. However, some manufacturers may use latex in seal stoppers of vaccine vials or in rubber parts of syringes. Contact with the vaccine may occur particularly when it is being drawn up into the syringe before being administered, and therefore, may cause an allergic reaction in people

with severe (anaphylactic) allergy to latex.

- Healthcare Workers protect your patients and yourself from influenza: Get Vaccinated!

2009 H1N1 Flu Situation Update - CDC - Oct 30

This page also includes current information on the US Seasonal Influenza Weekly Report (FluView) and the Weekly US Map.

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

2009 H1N1 Influenza A

Experts advise WHO on pandemic vaccine policies and strategies - WHO - Oct 30

The Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization, which advises WHO on policies and strategies for vaccines and immunization, devoted a session of its 27–29 October meeting to pandemic influenza vaccines. http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/notes/briefing_20091030/en/index.html

NIAD Scientists Propose New Explanation for Flu Virus Antigenic Drift - Oct 29

Influenza viruses evade infection-fighting antibodies by constantly changing the shape of their major surface protein. This shape-shifting, called antigenic drift, is why influenza vaccines — which are designed to elicit antibodies matched to each year's circulating virus strains — must be reformulated annually.

<http://www.nih.gov/news/health/oct2009/niad-29.htm>

AMA Launches Nation's First Comprehensive Web-Based Flu Health-Assessment Program for Patients and Physicians - AMA

To help patients and physicians better communicate and improve care coordination, the American Medical Association (AMA) unveils AMAfluhelp.org, the nation's first comprehensive Web-based patient flu health-assessment program.

<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/h1n1/news/ama-flu-help-release.shtml>

2009 H1N1 Influenza A Vaccine

CMS Free Care Rule for 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccination - CDC - Oct 27

Information on how the CMS Free Care Rule applies to H1N1 vaccine administration for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries

http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/statelocal/pdf/H1N1_CMS_Free_Care_Rule

Use of Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Influenza Vaccine in Pregnant Women - FDA - Oct 27

<http://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/Vaccines/QuestionsaboutVaccines>

H1N1 Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine Dosage Chart - CDC - Oct - 26

http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/pdf/monovalent_vaccine_dosage_chart.pdf

2009 H1N1 Influenza: Clinician Resources - CDC - Oct 30

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/>

2009 H1N1 Flu: Free Resources - CDC - Oct 29

Update: 2009 H1N1 Flu: Free Resources

Podcast and slides for improving seasonal & H1N1 influenza vaccination program, developed in coordination with the Joint Commission.

Questions and Answers (2009 H1N1 Influenza)

CMS Guidance Documents Available on H1N1 Website - CMS - Oct 30

In anticipation of concerns about this new virus and in response to questions about H1N1, Medicare, and Medicaid, CMS has and continues to develop information products including a comprehensive set of questions and answers with Original Medicare coverage and payment information, Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) information, and more available at link below.

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/H1N1/>

Peramivir IV Questions and Answers for Health Care Providers - CDC - Oct 29

http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/EUA/pdf/peramivir_qa.pdf

Questions and Answers: EID article "Estimates of the Prevalence of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009, United States, April-July 2009" - CDC - Oct 28

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

Emergency Preparedness and Response

HHS Strengthens HIPAA Enforcement - HHS - Oct 30

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued an interim final rule with request for comments to strengthen its enforcement of the rules promulgated under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, which was enacted as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, modified the HHS Secretary's authority to impose civil money penalties for violations occurring after Feb. 18, 2009.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/10/20091030a.html>

Carbon Monoxide—A Winter Weather Hazard - CDC - Oct 26

CO poisonings usually occur in winter months when people use heating sources that may produce hazardous CO levels. You can prevent CO poisoning by preparing your home heating sources for winter, acting wisely in case of a power outage, and learning the symptoms of CO poisoning.

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

HHS and Sesame Workshop Release 13 New Flu Prevention Radio PSAs Featuring Governors and Elmo - HHS - Oct 26

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the availability of thirteen new 30-second flu radio public service announcements (PSA). These new radio messages feature 13 of America's governors and Elmo from Sesame Street. The messages, which will be promoted to radio stations across the country, promote key flu prevention messages to parents and children.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/10/20091026a.html>

Health Problems Heat Up: Climate Change and the Public's Health - TFAH (Trust for Americas Health) - Oct 26

Trust for America's Health (TFAH) released a new report that finds only five states have published a strategic climate change plan that includes a public health response. This includes planning for health challenges and emergencies expected to develop from natural disasters, pollution, and infectious diseases as temperatures and sea levels rise.

<http://healthyamericans.org/newsroom/releases/?releaseid=195>

Health Update: National Diabetes Month & World Pneumonia Date

National Diabetes Awareness Month - NIH - Nov 2

Research has shown that among people at risk for diabetes, having a family history of the disease resonates more than other diabetes risk factors. For more information on this chronic disease and how you can help.

Please click on the following link: <http://ndep.nih.gov/media/new/NewsNotes/v4n11.htm>

Pneumonia Can Be Prevented – Vaccines Can Help - CDC - Oct 27

Pneumonia is an infection of the lungs that is usually caused by bacteria or viruses. Globally, pneumonia causes more deaths than any other infectious disease, such as AIDS, malaria or tuberculosis. However, it can often be prevented with vaccines and can usually be treated with antibiotics or antiviral drugs.

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

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