



## CDC Updates for Clinicians

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The following updates were made to CDC information and guidance from **Nov 02 - Nov 09, 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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### Upcoming Conference Calls

#### **COCA Call: National Grand Rounds: 2009 H1N1 Influenza and Asthma**

Speakers: Dr. David B. Callahan, Dr. Alkis Togias, Dr. Gail Weinmann

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2009  
Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

Call-in number: 888-283-2960 Passcode: 7113863

The PowerPoint Presentation is now available on the COCA website:  
<http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/callinfo.asp>.

#### **HHS Call - DHHS Secretary will discuss invoking her waiver authority under Section 1135 of the Social Security Act in response to H1N1**

Speakers: Dr. Sally Phillips, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response  
Jean Sheil, CMS Pandemic Coordinator  
Susie Butler, CMS Office of External Affairs

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2009  
Time: 2pm-3pmET

Call: 1-800-837-1935  
Conference ID: 3H1N1

If you would like to submit a question prior to the call, please send your question to:  
[Pandemic@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Pandemic@cms.hhs.gov)

## 2009 H1N1 & Seasonal Influenza

### Key Points

- A new video podcast is now available on the CDC website; "H1N1 Flu Vaccine- Why the Delay?" explains how flu vaccines are made, manufactured, shipped and how people can find vaccine in their area. To watch the podcast, visit

<http://www2c.cdc.gov/podcasts/player.asp?f=262894>

or <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/H1N1VaccineDelay/> on YouTube.

- The federal government allocates vaccine on a pro rata basis to state health departments and some big city health departments who then make decisions about how to distribute vaccine equitably and efficiently within their jurisdictions.

- Employee or workplace health clinics (among other locations) are a legitimate and very effective place to administer vaccine during a time of shortage. These clinics can and do reach and target people in priority vaccination groups, including pregnant women and 18 to 64 year workers with medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza complications.

- A national poll with a representative sample of 1,073 adults aged 18 and over was conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) on October 30 through November 1, 2009. The poll asked about people's perceptions and experiences of trying to get the H1N1 vaccine for themselves or their children. 91% of the polling sample who were unable to get the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine said that they will try again this year to get the vaccine for themselves, their children or both.

To view a full report of the Harvard Poll press release, visit <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/press-releases/>

### 2009 H1N1 Flu Situation Update - CDC - Nov 06

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

#### **HHS Orders Intravenous Antiviral Flu Medication to Help Patients Hospitalized with 2009 H1N1 - HHS - Nov 05**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced contract awards for up to 120,000 treatment courses of intravenous (IV) antiviral drugs to help treat hospitalized 2009 H1N1 influenza patients.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/11/20091105a.html>

#### **Infection of farmed animals with the pandemic virus - WHO - Nov 05**

Recent findings suggest that influenza A viruses in animals and humans increasingly behave like a pool of genes circulating among multiple hosts, and that the potential exists for novel influenza viruses to be generated in animals other than swine. This situation reinforces the need for close monitoring and close collaboration between public health and veterinary authorities.

[http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/notes/briefing\\_20091105/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/notes/briefing_20091105/en/index.html)

#### **CDC Interim Guidance for Workers who are Employed at Commercial Swine Farms: Preventing the Spread of Influenza A Viruses, Including the 2009 H1N1 Virus - CDC - Nov 03**

This interim guidance is issued with the goal of preventing the spread of this novel virus or any other influenza (flu) virus from people to pigs and from pigs to people. These recommendations are for people who work with pigs in the commercial production (farm) setting.

[http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidelines\\_commercial\\_settings\\_with\\_pigs.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidelines_commercial_settings_with_pigs.htm)

#### **FDA Publishes Guidance on Diagnostic Tests for 2009 H1N1 Influenza Virus - FDA - Nov 02**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration published a guidance document that should help manufacturers

develop diagnostic tests for the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus. Although there are not any FDA-approved or cleared tests that diagnose this specific infection, during this pandemic, manufacturers can submit a request to the FDA for an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm188717.htm>

## 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine

### **CDC urges states to focus vaccine on risk groups - CDC - Nov 05**

CDC Director Tom Frieden, MD, sent a letter to states commending them for their efforts to distribute pandemic vaccine when demand exceeds supply but emphasizing that the scarce supplies should first go to priority groups.

<http://www.cdc.gov/media/pdf/Final-H1N1-Letter-to-State-Officials--CDC-Director.pdf>

### **Department Receives First H1N1 Vaccine Shipments - DoD - Nov 04**

The Defense Department has started receiving H1N1 vaccines and will begin distributing doses in the coming weeks.

<http://www.health.mil/Press/Release.aspx?ID=1012>

### **Initial Results Show Pregnant Women Mount Strong Immune Response To One Dose of 2009 H1N1 Flu Vaccine - NIH - Nov 02**

Healthy pregnant women mount a robust immune response following just one dose of 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine, according to initial results from an ongoing clinical trial sponsored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) of the National Institutes of Health.

<http://www3.niaid.nih.gov/news/newsreleases/2009/H1N1pregnantresults.htm>

### **In Youngest Children, a Second Dose of 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Elicits Robust Immune Response - NIH - Nov 02**

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health, today announced interim results that show that children nine years of age and younger have a significantly improved immune response when given a second 15-microgram dose of 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine.

<http://www3.niaid.nih.gov/news/newsreleases/2009/interimpedsdata.htm>

## 2009 H1N1 Influenza: Patient Education

### **Protecting Pets from Illness - IDPH (Iowa Department of Public Health) - Nov 04**

People can keep their pets healthy by washing hands, covering coughs and sneezes, and minimizing contact with their pets while ill with influenza-like symptoms. If your pet exhibits signs of a respiratory illness, contact your veterinarian.

<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/IdphNews/Reader.aspx?id=8FBE90B3-4667-4960-9AF5-1B9B477A3805>

### **Asthma and 2009 H1N1 Flu - CDC - Nov 03**

People with asthma can get seriously ill with 2009 H1N1 influenza virus (sometimes called swine flu). Learn how to protect yourself and your children with asthma and what to do if you or they have symptoms of the flu.

<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/AsthmaH1N1/>

## 2009 H1N1 Influenza: Clinician Resources - CDC - Nov 06

This page has been redesigned to give clinicians access, with an ease of search to the latest guidelines and information on the evolving 2009 H1N1 Influenza A.

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

## Emergency Preparedness & Response

### **Information About Tropical Storm Ida - NOAA - Nov 08**

A tropical storm warning is now in effect from Grand Isle, LA, eastward to the Aucilla River, FL, including New Orleans and Lake Pontchartrain. A tropical storm warning means that tropical storm conditions are

expected somewhere within the warning area within 24 hours.

[http://www.noaawatch.gov/2009/td\\_at11.php](http://www.noaawatch.gov/2009/td_at11.php)

#### **Key Facts About Flood Readiness - CDC**

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/floods/readiness.asp>

#### **HHS Secretary Calls on States and Communities to Get Health Coverage to Uninsured Children - HHS - Nov 04**

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius called on states and communities to join with HHS to redouble efforts to find and enroll the 5 million children who are currently eligible for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), but are not yet covered.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/11/20091104a.html>

## **Food & Drug Safety**

#### **2009 Pandemic H1N1 Influenza Presumptive and Confirmed Results - USDA - Nov 06**

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) reported that four samples from Indiana pigs tested positive for pandemic H1N1 influenza. The samples were collected on Oct 22. Indiana's state veterinarian said in a statement yesterday that the animals have recovered and are being monitored.

[http://www.usda.gov/documents/FINAL\\_RESULTS\\_2009\\_PANDEMIC\\_H1N1\\_INFLUENZA](http://www.usda.gov/documents/FINAL_RESULTS_2009_PANDEMIC_H1N1_INFLUENZA)

#### **FDA Health Alert for Certain Pet Treats Made by Pet Carousel Products may be contaminated with Salmonella - FDA - Nov 05**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is issuing this health alert to warn consumers not to use Pig Ears and Beef Hooves pet treats manufactured by Pet Carousel because the products may be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The products were distributed nationwide in both bulk and retail packaging for sale in pet food and retail chain stores.

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm189400.htm>

#### **FDA and FSIS Collaborate To Improve Tracing of Unsafe Food Products The Goal is to Prevent or Mitigate Foodborne Illness - FDA - Nov 05**

A joint public meeting focused on improving the system for tracing of food products and ingredients that are causing illness outbreaks or presenting other risks to the health of consumers was announced by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm189311.htm>

#### **FDA Unveils Safe Use Initiative to Reduce Harm From Medication Use - FDA - Nov 04**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced the Safe Use Initiative, a new program aimed at reducing the likelihood of preventable harm from medication use.

<http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm189100.htm>

#### **Multistate Outbreak of E. coli O157:H7 Infections Associated with Beef from Fairbank Farms - CDC - Nov 02**

Several state health departments, CDC, and the United States Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA-FSIS) are investigating a multi-state outbreak of *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 infections. On October 31, 2009, FSIS issued a notice about a recall of 545,699 pounds of beef products from Fairbank Farms that may be contaminated with *E. coli* O157:H7.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ecoli/2009/1102.html>

## **Global Health**

#### **CDC and Kenya Celebrate 30 Years of Public Health Collaboration - CDC - Nov 09**

CDC and the Kenya Institute of Medical Research (KEMRI) work together to prevent disease and save lives.

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

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