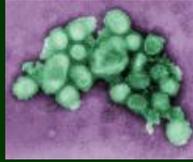


FLUBYTES



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Seasonal Influenza

IT'S TIME TO START VACCINATING PEOPLE AGAINST SEASONAL INFLUENZA

CDC advises to begin administering seasonal influenza vaccine as soon as vaccine becomes available. It is not too soon to start vaccinating. Additionally, vaccinating now with seasonal flu vaccine will allow more time for health care providers to focus on later immunization efforts when vaccine for 2009 H1N1 influenza A virus becomes available.

THE "FLU CLINIC LOCATOR" GIVES THE PUBLIC A WAY TO FIND A CLINIC AND PROVIDERS A WAY TO PROMOTE THEIR CLINICS

For more information on this program developed by the American Lung Association, visit <http://www.flucliniclocator.org>. For information on promoting a clinic, clicking on the box titled "All About the Flu Clinic Locator."

2009 Influenza A H1N1

PREDICTIONS FOR THE FALL

REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT ON U.S. PREPARATIONS FOR 2009-H1N1 INFLUENZA

On August 24, 2009 a white house advisory panel issued a [report](#) with these estimates on the fall flu season.

NEWS RESPONSES TO THIS REPORT

[Agency Urges Caution on Estimates of Swine Flu](#)

[CDC offers perspective on White House flu severity scenario](#)

[Presidential panel calls for planning czar, faster vaccine](#)

RECENT NEWS ON THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF 2009 H1N1

[Officials Find Swine Flu Hits Minorities Harder](#)

[WHO predicts 'explosion' of swine flu cases](#)

INTERNATIONAL - 2009 H1N1 NEWS

[FDA Authorizes Emergency Use of H1N1 Test for U.S. Troops Serving Overseas](#)

[H1N1 flu in turkeys may spread](#)

[Pandemic Influenza A \(H1N1\)V in New Zealand: The Experience from April to August 2009](#)

[Health Workers Are Reluctant to Get Swine Flu Vaccine](#)

[Universal influenza vaccination may reduce antibiotic use](#)

2009 H1N1 VACCINE INFORMATION

MMWR : USE OF INFLUENZA A (H1N1) 2009 MONOVALENT VACCINE

On August 21, 2009 recommendations from ACIP were released for the use of vaccine against infection with novel influenza A (H1N1) virus. Licensed vaccine is expected to be available by mid-October 2009. To read the entire report, click [here](#).

RECENT NEWS ON 2009 H1N1 VACCINE

[Panel urges HHS to prepare for H1N1 vaccine safety concerns](#)

[WHO seeks flu vaccine donations for poorer nations](#)

[CSL BIOTHERAPIES ANNOUNCES START OF U.S. H1N1 VACCINE CLINICAL TRIALS](#)

[SWINE FLU SHOTS MORE COMPLICATED](#)

[Experts field questions about novel flu vaccines for pregnant women](#)

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

UPDATED GUIDANCE

On August 20, DHHS and USDE released "[Guidance for Responses to Influenza for Institutions of Higher Education during the 2009-2010 Academic Year](#)" along with a Communications Toolkit.

On August 10, DHHS and USDE released "[Guidance for State & Local Health Officials & School Administrators for School Responses to Flu during 2009-2010 School Year](#)", along with a Communications Toolkit.

MDCH and MDE are recommending use of the National School Dismissal Reporting System for public and non-public K-12 schools dismissals related to 2009 H1N1 in the 2009-2010 year. School Dismissal Reporting forms and information can be found [here](#). MI-specific communications tools for K-12 preparedness can be found [here](#).

RECENT FLU NEWS ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

[Duncan, Sebelius Unveil Recommendations for Schools on How Learning Continues in Case of Flu Outbreak](#)

[Colleges play defense against flu](#)

[US offers schools advice on teaching kids kept home by flu](#)

ANTIVIRAL USE WITH 2009 H1N1

On August 20, 2009, the WHO released guidance designed to provide a basis for advice to clinicians on the use of the currently available antivirals for patients presenting with illness due to influenza virus infection as well the potential use of the medicines for chemoprophylaxis. To read the report, click [here](#).

In the upcoming weeks, the CDC will be updating their guidance on the use of antivirals for 2009 H1N1 in the US.

RECENT NEWS ON ANTIVIRALS

[WHO: Save Tamiflu for the young, old and pregnant](#)

[WHO: anti-flu drug can be stored 2 years longer](#)

[Tamiflu shelf-life extension up to countries - WHO](#)

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MDCH Update

FALL CONFERENCES Registration is open for the Fall Regional Immunization Conferences. For more information, click [here](#). http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2942_4911_4914-188498--,00.html

MDCH would like to extend an invite for any interested health care professional to become involved in the Flu Advisory Board (FAB). To join FAB, contact Cristi Carlton at carltonc2@michigan.gov

Flu Resources

Michigan's H1N1 influenza web page:

www.michigan.gov/h1n1flu

CDC's H1N1 influenza web page: www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu

World Health Organizations H1N1 web page:

<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>

Immunization Action Coalition H1N1 influenza web

page: <http://www.immunize.org/h1n1/>

RESOURCES RECENTLY DEVELOPED

The Public Library of Science (PLoS) maintains a moderated collection of open communication and discussion of new scientific data, analyses, and ideas in the field of influenza. Click [here](#) for more information.

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