

## Safety of Pandemic Vaccines

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. Vaccines are among the most important medical interventions for reducing illness and deaths during a pandemic. However, to have the greatest impact, pandemic vaccines need to be available quickly and in large quantities. To read the full WHO news brief, click [here](#).

## MMWR: Evaluation of Rapid Influenza Diagnostic Tests for Detection of Novel Influenza (H1N1) Virus

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 viral antigens in respiratory clinical specimens. As an initial assessment, CDC conducted an evaluation of multiple RIDTs. To view this MMWR report, click [here](#).

## CDC Updates

**SCHOOL DISMISSAL REPORTING:** To learn the two ways school dismissals can be reported for this upcoming season, click [here](#).

**GUIDANCE:** CDC recently updated their H1N1 Flu Clinical and Public Health Guidance Site. To view the updates, click [here](#).

## Flu Resources

Michigan's H1N1 influenza web page:

[www.michigan.gov/h1n1flu](http://www.michigan.gov/h1n1flu)

CDC's H1N1 influenza web page: [www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu](http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu)

World Health Organizations H1N1 web page:

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

Flu Fighter Action Kit for Health Care Personnel

[www.michigan.gov/flufighterkit](http://www.michigan.gov/flufighterkit)

Immunization Action Coalition H1N1 influenza web

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

Vital Immunization News from Immunization Action

Coalition (IAC): <http://www.immunize.org/va/va23.pdf>

## Pandemic Influenza Vaccine Manufacturing Process and Timeline

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. The vaccine development process from start (obtaining a virus sample) to end (availability of vaccine for use) can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

## Recent News

[CDC: Preparing for Vaccination with Novel H1N1 Vaccine](#)

[Pneumonia Vaccine May Help Limit Swine Flu Deaths](#)

[Resistant flu virus mutation found](#)

[Hand-washing, facemasks may halt flu transmission](#)

[Strategy On Flu Under Revision](#)

[WHO maintains 2 bln estimate for likely H1N1 cases](#)

[Nasal Vaccine Holds Promise Against Swine Flu](#)

[Swine flu shots on track for next month](#)

## MDCH Update

**FALL CONFERENCES** Registration will begin on August 18 for the Fall Regional Immunization Conferences. For more information, click [here](#).

**MICHIGAN IMMUNIZATION TIMELY TIPS** Beginning this month, this new publication will be replacing the Michigan Immunization Update newsletter. To view the July issue, click [here](#).

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](mailto:carltonc2@michigan.gov)

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