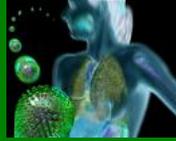


FLUBYTES



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2009 H1N1 VACCINATION PROGRAM

On November 10, 2009, [the FDA posted a "Letter from the Commissioner to Nation's Doctors on H1N1 Vaccine"](#)

On November 10, 2009 CDC [posted a letter](#) to health care providers urging pneumococcal vaccine for risk groups. Pneumococcal infections have been seen in some fatal pandemic H1N1 cases. The letter urges special emphasis on vaccinating those under age 65 who have high-risk conditions, because coverage rates are especially low and they may be more likely to develop secondary bacterial infections.

Watch the video archive of the November 12th [CDC briefing](#) on H1N1 flu and vaccine distribution. The briefing was led by Rear Admiral Anne Schuchat, M.D., Director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases.

MDCH GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES

Visit the clinician H1N1 influenza information section of MDCH's 2009 H1N1 website for the latest updates to the [H1N1 Vaccine Provider Toolkit](#).

RECENT 2009 H1N1 VACCINE IN THE NEWS

[Pandemic 2009 Influenza Update: US FDA approves GSK's pandemic H1N1 vaccine](#)

[Sanofi vows to finish making H1N1 vaccine by year's end](#)

2009 H1N1 VACCINE SAFETY

NIAID Vaccine Studies

In August, 2009 NIAID began a [series of clinical trials](#) to evaluate new vaccines to prevent and decrease the severity of H1N1 influenza virus infection. To learn about these ongoing studies, click on the group of interest in the box titled, "Ongoing Clinical Studies."

Pediatric H1N1 Vaccine Clinical Studies

On November 2, 2009, NIAID announced that interim results from the [pediatric trials](#) indicated that, in children, 2009 H1N1 vaccine works like seasonal flu vaccine. The results built upon preliminary results from a subset of volunteers announced September 21, 2009 and mirror results seen in adults.

RECENT NEWS ARTICLES

[Va. teen suffers rare illness after swine flu shot](#)

EPIDEMIOLOGY OF 2009 H1N1

On November 12, 2009, CDC posted the results of a new report: [Estimates of 2009 H1N1 Influenza Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths in the United States, April - October 17, 2009.](#)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS - 2009 H1N1

[Flu-like cases in Ukraine near 1 million](#)

[Seasonal flu may hit Europe after H1N1: experts](#)

[Russia gives first vaccine doses to utility workers](#)

[Swine Flu Deaths in Europe Doubling Weekly, Health Agency Says](#)

CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF 2009 H1N1

RECENT CLINICAL NEWS

[Can cheap drugs help save H1N1 patients? Studies aim to find out](#)

UPDATES ON ANTIVIRALS

On November 11, 2009, the *New England Journal of Medicine* published: ["Emergence of Oseltamivir-Resistant Pandemic H1N1 Virus during Prophylaxis"](#).

This article describes a case of oseltamivir-resistant pandemic H1N1 flu in a father who underwent prophylaxis then developed flu symptoms after his son was diagnosed with a confirmed infection.

On November 6, 2009, CDC distributed a [Health Alert Network \(HAN\)](#) Info Service Message regarding Key Issues for Clinicians Concerning Antiviral Treatments for 2009 H1N1.

TOOLKIT FOR BUSINESSES

A [guide for human resource](#) (HR) managers looking for ways to quickly plan for and respond to the H1N1 pandemic has been issued by the University of Minnesota Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, publisher of CIDRAP News, and the Society for Human Resource Management. The free 42-page guide was prepared with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Flu Resources

A live Webcast will be aired on November 30, 2009, titled: [“Planning for a Pandemic - Can History Inform Action?”](#)

The program will address questions including:

- How did diverse communities and local leaders respond to the 1918 flu?
- How can these responses inform contemporary planning?
- How are these lessons being applied to inform the U.S. response to H1N1?
- What are the implications for planning at the local level, both in urban and rural America?

On November 12, CDC revised the document entitled, [“Information for Pregnant Women Working in Education, Child Care, and Health Care Settings”](#) so that it is consistent with the most recent infection control guidance posted by CDC.

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/>

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