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## SEASONAL INFLUENZA ACTIVITY

Influenza activity remained high in the United States, with 38 states reporting 'widespread' activity. Michigan continues to experience widespread influenza activity, the highest activity level.

### Michigan and National News

- [Barry County man dies from influenza](#)
- CDC's [FluView](#) (week ending January 25, 2014)
  - 37 flu-associated pediatric deaths have been reported for the 2013-14 season
- [KXTV ad exec dies from H1N1 influenza](#)
- [Unusual deadly flu season in Georgia](#)

## RECENT CDC COCA FLU WEBINAR

The slides from last week's CDC Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) webinar have been [posted](#). The webinar focused on 2013-14 flu season updates and recommendations for clinicians and included panelists from the University of Michigan.

## INFLUENZA-RELATED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [Study backs giving flu vaccine to working-age adults with diabetes](#)
- [Extended viral shedding of a low pathogenic avian influenza virus by striped skunks](#)
  - Skunks shed large quantities of low-path avian H4N6
  - Skunks' presence on poultry and waterfowl operations could influence flu A virus epidemiology

## NACCHO NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is looking for local health department staff who are knowledgeable about working with children with special healthcare needs, pregnant women, and/or adults with disabilities and immunizations, to participate in an interview on current methods of promoting influenza immunizations and the gaps in measuring seasonal vaccination among the listed groups. If you're interested, fill out [this questionnaire](#).

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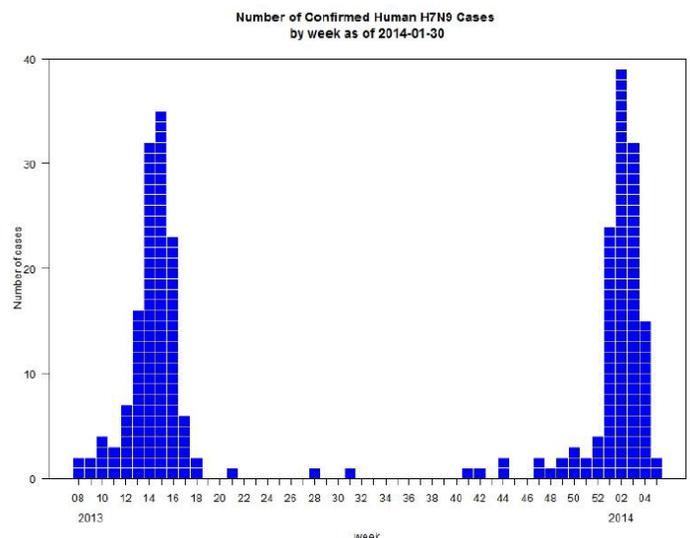
## FLU WEBSITES

[www.michigan.gov/flu](http://www.michigan.gov/flu)  
[www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)  
[www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov)  
<http://vaccine.healthmap.org/>

## AVIAN INFLUENZA A (H7N9) NEWS AND ARTICLES

The first wave of H7N9 in spring 2013 reached 136 cases in 158 days. The second wave, which began in October 2013, reached the same number of cases in only 105 days (see WHO epidemiologic curve below). The unofficial outbreak total is now over 270 cases with 60 deaths. The Guangxi province, which borders Vietnam, recently had H7N9 identified in a live poultry market and this week had their first human case confirmed. A family cluster of three cases was also reported this week.

- WHO: [Human infection with H7N9 - update](#) (Jan. 30)
- [China's second H7N9 wave tops spring wave](#)
- [New H7N9 cases, plus family cluster, reported](#)
- [Analysis of new H7N9 wave warns of coinfection threat](#)
- CDC: [Testing recommendations for persons with possible infection with avian influenza A\(H7N9\) virus in the U.S.](#) (updated Jan. 24)
- [China halts poultry trading after new H7N9 cases](#)



Source: [WHO](#)

## OTHER INFLUENZA-RELATED NEWS ARTICLES

- [NIH researchers infect live subjects with influenza in study intended to improve vaccine](#)
- [Flu vaccine available for 6-month-old babies in Alberta](#)
  - Additional doses set aside for babies who turn 6 months from December 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014
- [China reports 2nd case of H10N8 bird flu](#)
- [South Korea orders bird flu lockdown on poultry farms](#)
- [Sanofi Pasteur offers 2014-2015 Fluzone vaccination reservation worksheet](#)