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FDA Approves Vaccine for 2009-2010 Seasonal Influenza

On July 20, 2009 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced that it has approved a vaccine for 2009-2010 seasonal influenza in the United States. Although this year's seasonal vaccine is directed against other strains of influenza expected to be circulating and will not provide protection against the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus, it is still important for those Americans for whom it is recommended to receive the seasonal influenza vaccine. To read the entire news release, click [here](#).

Assessment of Risk Communications and Pandemic Influenza

In this evaluation, Peter Sandman assesses the mood of the public and provides arguments for how officials need to communicate to the public. To read this article, click [here](#).

Recent News

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[Australia starts 1st swine flu vaccine trials](#)

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Novel H1N1 Influenza Vaccine: Questions & Answers from CDC

On July 20, 2009, CDC updated their Questions & Answers site regarding Novel H1N1 Influenza Vaccine. To view this site, click [here](#).

NIAID Set to Launch Clinical Trials to Test 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Candidates

Scientists in a network of medical research institutions across the United States are set to begin a series of clinical trials to gather critical data about influenza vaccines, including two candidate H1N1 flu vaccines. The research will be under the direction of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health. Initial studies will look at whether one or two doses of H1N1 vaccine are needed to induce a potentially protective immune response in healthy adult volunteers and elderly people. The doses will be given 21 days apart, testing two manufacturers' vaccines (Sanofi Pasteur and CSL Biotherapies). If early information from those trials indicates that these vaccines are safe, similar trials in healthy children will begin. To read this entire article, click [here](#).

Flu Resources

In recent weeks, surveillance efforts have shifted away from individual Pandemic H1N1 case reporting. For the latest updates on the spread of disease, please visit the following websites.

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>

Additional resources for both Seasonal and Pandemic influenza can be found at:

Flu Fighter Action Kit for Health Care Personnel www.michigan.gov/flufighterkit

Immunization Action Coalition H1N1 influenza web page: <http://www.immunize.org/h1n1/>

MDCH would like to extend an invite for any interested health care professional to become involved in the Flu Advisory Board (FAB). For more information, please visit the FAB [website](#). To join FAB, contact Cristi Carlton at carltonc2@michigan.gov

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