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INTERNATIONAL NEWS - 2009 H1N1
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On December 10, 2009 Eurosurveillance published the following article: “Prolonged Shedding of Influenza A(H1N1) V Virus: Two Case Reports from France - 2009”

Using lab-confirmed cases in the first 2 months of the H1N1 pandemic in Ontario, researchers estimated the basic reproductive number for the illness at a relatively low 1.31, according to the Canadian Medical Association Journal. The risk of hospital admission was estimated at 4.5% and the case-fatality rate at 0.3%.

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GOOGLE VACCINE LOCATOR TOOL
In the last few weeks, Google Inc. in corporation with CDC, the American Lung Association and HHS launched a flu vaccine locator service, based on its Google Maps feature. In the coming days, Flu.gov will prominently feature the Vaccine Locator look-up tool. Patients looking for seasonal or H1N1 influenza vaccine can search for sites close to the address they enter on the flu vaccine locator web page. If you are a health care provider and would like to enter your clinic information, the American Lung Association provides directions on how to do so.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:
2010 National Influenza Vaccine Summit tentatively set for May 17-20, 2010 in Phoenix, Arizona

This year’s National Influenza Vaccination Week (originally scheduled for December 6-10, 2009) is being rescheduled for January 10-16, 2010.

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