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REPORTS OF HUMAN INFECTIONS WITH SWINE ORIGIN INFLUENZA A (H3N2)

In last weeks Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) [Flu View](#), two human infections with a swine-related novel influenza A (H3N2) virus, both of which involved exposure to pig settings were reported. One case was reported by Wisconsin and one case by Pennsylvania; both patients were infected with a virus similar to the three other swine origin influenza A (H3N2) viruses previously identified in 2009 and 2010. The CDC emphasized that the swine-related flu viruses aren't transmitted through pork and that the triple-reassortant H3N2 viruses are different from the 2009 H1N1 strain and the seasonal H3N2 virus.

Related news story: [CDC reports two swine-related H3N2 infections](#)

HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL INFLUENZA VACCINATION

All but [4 of Washington](#) state's 98 hospitals have adopted flu immunization policies that require health care personnel to be immunized or take protective actions, such as wearing a mask to protect patients, dictated by facility infection control programs. The achievement makes the state the first in the nation to achieve such high adherence. The hospitals implementing the strict policies account for 99% of Washington's inpatient beds. To counter lagging immunization rates from voluntary policies, the WSHA said its board of trustees urged it to take aggressive action to increase rates. Over the past few years several Washington hospitals have taken strong steps to boost vaccination rates. According to WSHA background materials, the push for a state law requiring hospitals to have strong policies failed, with opponents maintaining that the association could move forward with its own policy. In July the WSHA requested all hospitals to adopt policies and has since [developed a toolkit](#) to help hospitals implement the policies.

FLU IN SCHOOLS

The CDC has provided two new online resources for preventing influenza in K-12 schools. One is a [one-page summary](#) of recommendations for school administrators, and the other is a [two-page set of guidelines](#) for cleaning and disinfection procedures to use in schools.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

The *Journal of Infection* published: "[Oseltamivir, zanamivir and amantadine in the prevention of influenza: A systematic review](#)" on November 8, 2010.

BMC Infectious Diseases published: "[Evaluation of an Influenza-Like Illness case definition in the diagnosis of influenza among patients with acute febrile illness in Cambodia.](#)"

JOURNAL ARTICLES CONTINUED

In a study published by [Clinical Infectious Diseases](#) researchers concluded that "influenza vaccine given to pregnant women is 91.5% effective in preventing hospitalization of their infants for influenza in the first 6 months of life."

NEWS ARTICLES

[Flu shots can pay off big for employers](#)

[Flu shots urged in schools: Baylor study finds vaccinating children helps protect everyone](#)

[Flu Shots: No Panic, Just 'No'](#)

[Flu Fight Focuses on High Risk Groups](#)

[Pandemic report warns against 'flu fatigue,' complacency](#)

[Can an Office Practice Telephonic Response Meet the Needs of a Pandemic?](#)

FLU RESOURCES

Register now for CDC Current Issues in Immunization Net Conference (MCV and adult influenza vaccine) on Dec 9, 2010 from 12 noon - 1 pm ET. Space is limited; it is necessary to register in advance at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/ciinc>

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