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## INFLUENZA UPDATES

This weeks [CDC MMWR](#) provides an update on influenza activity in the U.S. from August 30, 2009 - March 27, 2010. By March 27, national influenza activity had decreased to the lowest level measured during the 2009-10 season; however, isolated areas in the southeastern U.S. recently experienced sustained transmission. Trends in the southeast region and particularly Georgia highlight the need to maintain public health surveillance and *continue* to offer 2009 H1N1 vaccine.

CDC recently released the following guidance: [Coordinating Pediatric Medical Care During an Influenza Pandemic - a Hospital Workbook](#)

## WHO REVIEW OF GLOBAL RESPONSE

The [WHO](#) is currently undergoing an in-depth review by external experts to assess the global response to the pandemic and identify lessons for the future.

### Related News Articles:

[Expert panel begins review of WHO's pandemic response](#)

[WHO pandemic review group concludes first session](#)

[Flu probe focuses on role of the media](#) - The Internet had a disruptive impact on the handling of the flu pandemic by fanning speculation and rumors, officials said.

## INFLUENZA NEWS ARTICLES

[Severe H1N1 cases may put kidneys at risk](#)  
[Health experts warn against complacency in fighting viruses](#)

['Very eerie': This winter had virtually no flu](#)

[Reports of Guillain-Barré Syndrome Low After 2009 H1N1 Vaccination](#)

[They Should Know Better](#) - Editorial on HCP Vaccination

[Pharmacists seek OK to administer more flu shots](#) - The number of seasonal flu shots administered by pharmacists jumped 36 percent this flu season.

[For older adults, flu season tends to peak first in Nevada, last in Maine](#)

## INTERNATIONAL INFLUENZA NEWS

### Journal Articles

In [Clinical Infectious Diseases](#) a flu outbreak at a Beijing college is described where researchers detected both the pandemic and H3N2 viruses, but found that patterns were similar for patients with different viral infections.

In a recent *PLoS One* article [researchers in Singapore](#) established a network of primary care clinics that submitted daily forms about their cases of influenza-like illness. They conclude that such a simple tool may be particularly useful for tracking flu waves in developing countries.

### International News Articles:

[Blood sampling shows low H1N1 infection rate in Singapore](#)

[European conference offers findings on H1N1](#)

[Vietnam confirms 2 bird flu cases; 11 quarantined](#)

## FLU RESOURCES & WEBSITES

### PKIDs' MAY 4 WEBINAR TO FOCUS ON SOCIAL MARKETING

PKIDs (Parents of Kids with Infectious Diseases) has scheduled a webinar May 4 at 9:00 AM Pacific Time as part of Communications Made Easy, a PKIDs' program intended to help immunization educators learn the ropes of social marketing and traditional social media. Space is limited and pre-registration is recommended. To register, go to:

<https://cc.readytalk.com/r/5o9axnt1hvjj>

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) will be held April 24-May 1, 2010. Check [CDC's NIIW website](#) for more details as they become available. If you are planning an NIIW 2010 activity, large or small, please visit the [NIIW Activity Form](#) to add your event.

### Upcoming Meetings & Events:

[2010 National Influenza Vaccine Summit](#) set for May 17-20, 2010 in Phoenix, Arizona

MDCH: [www.michigan.gov/flu](http://www.michigan.gov/flu)

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