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INFLEUNZA NEWS

GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

On April 30, CDC updated the following Q&A:
[Fluzone High-Dose Seasonal Influenza Vaccine](#)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

The May 6 edition of the *New England Journal of Medicine* published two special reports related to the 2009 H1N1 Pandemic:

- "[Writing Committee of the WHO Consultation on Clinical Aspects of Pandemic \(H1N1\) 2009 Influenza.](#)" This article reviews virologic, epidemiologic, and clinical data on 2009 H1N1 virus infections up through March 2010 and summarizes key issues for clinicians worldwide.
- "[Information Technology and Global Surveillance of Cases of 2009 H1N1 Influenza.](#)" This article highlights that although formal reporting, surveillance, and response are essential to public health, there is a new generation of freely accessible, online, and real-time informatics tools for disease tracking. The new methods expand the ability of public health professionals to detect weak signals across borders and to raise earlier warnings of emerging disease threats.

METHODS TO KEEP VACCINATING:

[Amid Food And Car Parts, Swap Meet Offers Flu Shots](#)

The US has 71 million doses of [H1N1 vaccine remaining](#), according to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). States should keep offering doses until the seasonal flu vaccine, which will contain the pandemic strain, is available this fall, HHS spokesman Bill Hall said.

2009 H1N1 LESSONS LEARNED

The following news articles discuss lessons learned from the 2009 H1N1 pandemic:

Third summary in a series published by CIDRAP: [Vaccination campaign weathered rough road, paid dividends](#)

Summary of a presentation by Michael Osterholm, PhD, MPH, at the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases 13th Annual Conference on Vaccine Research: [Lessons Learned From the H1N1 Pandemic Are Meager](#)

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ADDITIONAL INFLUENZA NEWS

RECENT STUDIES

Children hospitalized with pandemic H1N1 in 2009 were older and more likely to have underlying conditions than children hospitalized with seasonal flu in past years, according to a [study presented](#) at the Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) annual meeting.

NEWS ARTICLES

[ERs felt pandemic flu fear before flu itself:](#) Two studies from the University of Utah found that the news of the pandemic in late April 2009 caused panicked parents to bring children to emergency departments in droves—but what was driving those ER visits was not flu symptoms, but rather the fear of flu.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS ARTICLES

[New Zealand sees increase in flu-like illness](#) Surveillance data from New Zealand for the week ending April 30 shows a continued increase in both the number of people calling for free health advice on influenza-like illness, and visiting the doctor with an influenza-like illness.

[H1N1 flu costs 'may mean NHS cuts'](#) Primary care practices in England endured high costs in their response to pandemic H1N1 flu which may lead to cuts in other services. A survey of 107 primary care practices found that each practice paid an average of \$512,000 (US) to fight H1N1.

FLU RESOURCES & WEBSITES

MDCH: www.michigan.gov/flu

CDC: www.cdc.gov/flu

HHS: www.flu.gov

ADDITIONAL IMMUNIZATION NEWS

[Refusing kids' vaccine more common among parents.](#)

An increasing number of parents have delayed vaccines or refused to have their toddlers vaccinated, according to a study presented at the Pediatric Academic Societies meeting in Vancouver.

[Parents Not a Reliable Source for Determining Children's Vaccination Status.](#) Parents may be unable to accurately recall their children's immunization history, leading to underreporting of vaccination status, significant net reporting biases, and high numbers of false reports, positive or negative.

In honor of May being observed as Hepatitis Awareness Month, [Michigan Immunization Timely Tips](#) is focused primarily on hepatitis.