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SEASONAL FLU JOURNAL ARTICLES

Mandatory Flu Vaccines for Health Care Personnel

The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) [released a statement](#) this week recommending that acute care hospitals, nursing homes, and other facilities employing HCP should "require influenza immunization as a condition of employment unless there are compelling medical contraindications." APIC says mandates have been shown to be the most effective measure for increasing HCP vaccination rates and that voluntary programs have failed to raise HCP coverage to acceptable levels.

UK: Changing Epidemiology of Oseltamivir-Resistant influenza A(H1N1)2009 Virus

A *Eurosurveillance* report on the current flu season in the United Kingdom describes 27 epidemiologically unlinked, [confirmed cases of oseltamivir-resistant](#) influenza A(H1N1)2009 virus infection that have been detected in multiple, geographically dispersed settings. Three of these cases were in community settings, with no known exposure to oseltamivir. This suggests possible onward transmission of resistant strains and could be an indication of a possibility of changing epidemiology of oseltamivir-resistant influenza A(H1N1)2009 virus.

SEASONAL FLU NEWS ARTICLES

- [Michigan RN Earns](#) ANA Immunity Award for Innovative Approaches to Vaccination
- [Study supports](#) infection potential of airborne flu viruses
- [Flu Fiction](#): 15 Common Misperceptions About Seasonal Flu
- UK weekly [Flu Report](#)

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2009 H1N1 PANDEMIC

Journal Articles

In a recent report, [researchers studied](#) extensive data from seating charts, school schedules, bus schedules, nurse logs, attendance records, and questionnaires for 370 students (81% of the school) in a Pennsylvania elementary school that closed early in the 2009 H1N1 pandemic as the disease spread in the surrounding rural community. The study found that boys tend to pass influenza to other boys and girls to other girls, according to a mathematical modeling study that also found that the late closing of a school during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic likely did little to reduce transmission.

News Articles

[Finland finds link between pandemic vaccine and narcolepsy cases](#)

[IOM report spells out priorities for flu PPE research](#)

[Experts air kinks in antiviral use during H1N1 pandemic](#)

AVIAN FLU

According to [researchers in *Epidemiology and Infection*](#), the endemic status of the H5N1 avian influenza virus in Egypt is overwhelming the country's control efforts, and more global cooperation is needed to prevent more damage to Egypt's poultry industry and reduce the threat of a flu pandemic.

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ADDITIONAL IMMUNIZATION NEWS

News articles:

[Some vaccines tied to lower kids' leukemia risk](#)