

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) will distribute the H1N1 Status Update Report weekly. Please forward this update to other H1N1 response and planning partners.

Surveillance

Epidemiological Data:

Current data shows that the virus is now spread regionally throughout Pennsylvania; influenza-like illness (ILI) activity continues to decrease sharply.

Among confirmed cases since September 1, 2009, the age and gender breakdown is as follows:

Age Range Most Affected:	Percent of Total Cases:	Gender:	Percent of Total Cases:
0 - 4	8.8%	Male	51.6%
5 - 9	15.9%	Female	46.5%
10 - 14	20.1%	Not Specified	1.9%
15 - 19	14.9%	100%	
20 - 29	15.4%		
30 - 39	8.2%		
40 - 49	7.9%		
50 - 59	6.0%		
60+	2.8%		
	100%		

(Updated December 11, 2009)

Vaccine/Antivirals

Vaccine:

On December 7th, an email was sent to all certified H1N1 vaccine providers registered in Pennsylvania's Statewide Immunization Information System (PA-SIIS). The PA DOH asked providers to confirm the number of doses they still require to vaccinate all of their patients in the five priority groups. Requests are being compiled and submitted to the vaccine allocation committee for review and fulfillment.

Expanded H1N1 Vaccination Efforts:

On December 15, 2009, the PA DOH announced that certified healthcare providers who have already immunized patients most at risk of complications from the H1N1 flu virus may now offer the vaccine to anyone who wants it. Pennsylvania is expanding the H1N1 vaccine program to everyone because approximately 3.2 million doses of vaccine have been allocated to healthcare providers who administered it to individuals in the priority groups.

The Department has provided vaccine to private providers, local health departments, and state health centers. It also held statewide clinics to reach individuals in the priority groups. The department will conduct additional clinics in early January for Pennsylvanians who do not have access to the vaccine through their healthcare provider or do not have a provider.

The following chart shows vaccine flow to Pennsylvania through December 15th:

Vaccine For PA	# of Doses Allocated	# of Projected Doses to be Received	Difference
Overall Total:	3,189,600	4,800,526	(1,610,926)

The following chart is a breakdown of vaccine allocated to providers through December 15th:

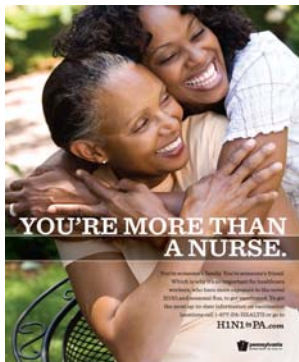
<u>Provider Category:</u>	<u>Doses Allocated:</u>
School/University	899,133
Hospital	660,800
Pediatrician	624,775
Primary Care	566,592
Public Health	287,600*
Federally Qualified Health Center/Rural Health Center	110,200
OB/GYN	22,500
Other	18,000
TOTAL:	3,189,600

* Used to distribute vaccine to those individuals with no other resources to receive vaccine and for public health clinics scheduled 11/20-22 and 12/1-3.

Communications

H1N1 Marketing Campaigns:

H1N1 Flu Vaccine: The Facts video targeting healthcare workers is now available for download at www.H1N1inPA.com by clicking on “Newsroom” then “Campaign Materials”. Additionally, the following healthcare worker posters can be ordered for free at “Newsroom” then “Online Order Form”.



The H1N1 Teen Campaign: “These Five Things” music video is receiving national attention and will be included in cinema advertising beginning the end of this week.

The H1N1 vaccine general population message, “Flu Season/Every Layer of Protection” began running this week. The campaign includes TV, radio, online and social media marketing. The new ads can be viewed at www.H1N1inPA.com, “Newsroom” then “Campaign Materials”.



The PA DOH will run Spanish language messaging on the PECO Crown Lights’ digital board in Philadelphia. This messaging will run from December 2009 through March 2010.

The following business/workplace campaign posters will soon be available for businesses to share with employees. They will also be featured as ads in some business journals.



H1N1 Web site:

The www.H1N1inPA.com web site is updated frequently, so please visit often for new information, links and options. All media releases and downloadable campaign materials can be accessed by following the “Newsroom” link at the top right hand corner of the homepage. To date, the site has had approximately 500,000 visitors.

Community Mitigation

Limiting Spread of Germs:

Community mitigation is crucial in slowing the spread of H1N1 through the fall. Community mitigation generally involves little or no money, but can offer substantial disease reduction.

Strategies consist of basic, everyday approaches to limit the spread of germs such as frequent hand washing.



Questions and Answers

For the answer to this question and more, please go to www.H1N1inPA.com and click on "Frequently Asked Questions."

Question: *My child received the first vaccine a few weeks ago, and now I am wondering how to get the second dose.*

Answer: There are several options to obtain the second dose for children under 10 years of age.

- Contact your physician to see if they have obtained vaccine.
- Contact your local State Health Center or call 1-877 PA HEALTH to inquire about vaccine.
- Continue to check the www.H1N1inPA.com website for upcoming public vaccination clinics.

The second dose needs to be at least 21 days from the first dose, but more time can elapse between doses, if no vaccine is available in your area at that time.

Please remember to take the proof of first dose date with you to the second appointment.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to submit those to the following email address: PADOH_H1N1@state.pa.us. Responses will be addressed in this document, as individual responses will not be possible.

If you have any specific questions to be answered more quickly, please call 1-877-PA HEALTH (1-877-724-3258).