

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.

No Report Next Week

Happy holidays! Due to shortened weeks, there will be no H1N1 Status Update for Tuesday December 29, 2009.

Surveillance

Epidemiological Data:

PA is reporting local influenza activity (previously PA reported regional and widespread activity) and current data shows that the number of laboratory confirmed H1N1 cases in Pennsylvania has significantly declined over the past several weeks.

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 last: December 11, 2009)

Vaccine/Antivirals

Expanded H1N1 Vaccination Efforts:

Health Secretary Everette James announced today, December 22nd, that “we are now able to provide H1N1 vaccine to any Pennsylvanian who wants it.” The PA DOH will operate H1N1 vaccine clinics for the general public on January 8th and 9th, 2010 in 33 locations across the state. He continued, “the upcoming clinics will give a greater number of residents the ability to protect against getting and spreading H1N1.”

The 33 clinics will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Individuals must schedule an appointment to receive the vaccine. Appointments can be made 24 hours a day at www.H1N1inPA.com under “What’s Hot.” Appointments also may be made by calling 1-877-

PA HEALTH (1-877-724-3258), Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Non-Safety Related Voluntary Recall:

As part of the quality assurance program, Sanofi Pasteur, performs routine, ongoing stability testing of its influenza A (H1N1) vaccine after the vaccine has been shipped to providers. Stability testing is measuring the strength (or potency) of a vaccine over time. The testing is performed because sometimes the strength of a vaccine can go down over time. As a result of this testing, Sanofi Pasteur notified the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration that the potency in four lots of pediatric syringes that had been distributed was found to have dropped below the pre-specified limit.

Since there were no safety concerns with these lots of H1N1 vaccine, and all lots successfully passed pre-release testing for purity, potency, and safety, the recall was voluntary. The vaccine in these lots is still expected to be effective in stimulating a protective response, despite this slight reduction in the concentration of antigen. There is no need to re-administer a dose to those who received vaccine from these lots.

The following chart shows vaccine flow to Pennsylvania through December 22nd:

Vaccine For PA	# of Doses Allocated	# of Projected Doses to be Received	Difference
Overall Total:	3,745,700	5,119,035	(1,373,335)

The following chart is a breakdown of vaccine allocated to providers through December 22nd:

<u>Provider Category:</u>	<u>Doses Allocated:</u>
School/University	899,133
Primary Care	871,328
Hospital	779,000
Pediatrician	741,239
Public Health	287,600*
Federally Qualified Health Center/Rural Health Center	122,600
OB/GYN	24,800
Other	20,000
TOTAL:	3,745,700

* 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 Web site:

Please visit the www.H1N1inPA.com web site to register for the PA DOH operated H1N1 vaccine clinics scheduled for January 8th and 9th, 2010. The 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.

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.



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).