

Next Status Update: February 2, 2010

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) will release the H1N1 Status Update report bi-weekly beginning with this report. Please continue to forward this update to other H1N1 response and planning partners.

Surveillance

Epidemiological Data:

Pennsylvania is reporting sporadic influenza activity; there are very few H1N1 cases in Pennsylvania at this time.

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	21.3%	Male	50.3%
5 - 9	17.2%	Female	47.4%
10 - 14	17.2%	Not Specified	2.3%
15 - 19	11.5%	100%	
20 - 29	11.6%		
30 - 39	6.8%		
40 - 49	6.5%		
50 - 59	5.2%		
60+	2.7%		
	100%		

(Updated last: January 13, 2010)

Vaccine/Antivirals

Public Health Vaccination Clinics:

The PA DOH is continuing H1N1 vaccination efforts at each of the 60 state health centers across the commonwealth on the following Saturdays: January 23rd and 30th, and February 6th, from 9 am to noon each day. No appointments are necessary.

In addition, state health centers will be holding immunization clinics on specific days during the week. For more information or to find a clinic, call 1-877-PA HEALTH (1-877-724-3258).

H1N1 vaccine is also available to the general public through certified providers, and possibly your own doctor.

H1N1 Vaccinations at the Pennsylvania Farm Show:

The PA DOH offered H1N1 vaccinations last week during the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Over the course of six days, over 1,800 individuals received H1N1 vaccination.

Communications

H1N1 Web site:

Please visit the www.H1N1inPA.com web site. The web site is updated frequently, so please visit often for new information, links, and options. Many new links or updates are noted on the right hand side, in the “What’s Hot” area.

Each week, the PA DOH Communications Office issues an H1N1 press update, which is viewable in the “Newsroom” section of the website.

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 was 9 when given the first vaccination. It is time for the second dose, but he/she is now 10. Is the second dose still needed?*

Answer: Children who have had their 10th birthday in the 28 days since receiving the first dose of H1N1 vaccine do not need to obtain the second dose (as is recommended for those under 10 years of age).

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).