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Weekly H1N1 Swine Flu Update

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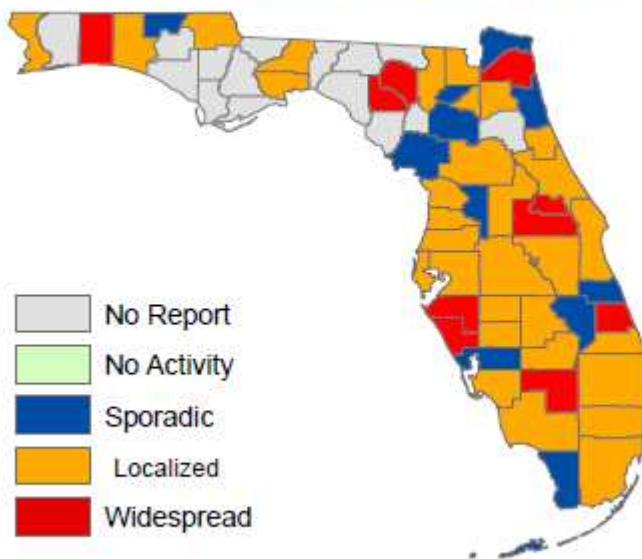
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Weekly County Influenza Activity for Week 40 (ending October 10, 2009) as Reported by 11:30 a.m. October 14, 2009



As of 10/15/09 Florida reported:

- 872 hospitalizations in persons with lab confirmed H1N1.
- 121 deaths reported with lab confirmed H1N1.
- Overall mortality with influenza or pneumonia is slightly above the expected value for the time of year.

Although the number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths continues to rise, there is no evidence that the virus has changed to a more virulent form, either in Florida, the rest of the U.S., or elsewhere in the world.

Updated Swine Flu Deaths: 121

Additional laboratory confirmed H1N1 Swine Flu deaths have been verified in the following: a 49-year-old female in Broward County, a 49-year-old female in Miami-Dade County, a 67-year-old female in Miami-Dade County, a 50-year-old female in Duval County, a 47-year-old male in Lake County, a 37-year-old female in Manatee

County, a 35-year-old male in Pasco County, a 43-year-old female in Pinellas County, a 50-year-old female in Pinellas County, a 56-year-old female in Polk County, a 58-year-old male in Volusia County, and a 10-month-old female in Sarasota County. While most cases of H1N1 Swine Flu are mild, there are exceptions. Pre-existing health conditions often play a role in how individuals react to the flu. To-date, there have been 121 laboratory confirmed H1N1 Swine Flu deaths in Florida.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the family and friends of these individuals," said Surgeon General Dr. Ana Viamonte Ros. " H1N1 Swine Flu, like seasonal flu, can in some circumstances be very serious, therefore, all of us should continue to adhere to good health practices including, stay home if sick, cover cough and sneeze, and wash hands frequently."

The State Surgeon General provided these recommendations:

People with respiratory illness should stay home from work or school to avoid spreading infections, including influenza, to others in the community.

- Avoid close contact with people who are coughing or otherwise appear ill.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Wash hands frequently to lessen the spread of respiratory illness.
- People experiencing cough, fever and fatigue, possibly along with diarrhea and vomiting, should contact their physician

If you think you have influenza, please call your health care provider and discuss whether you need to be seen in their office, emergency department or stay home.

Disease Management

Public Stockpile Antiviral Medications Available	Florida public stockpile includes over 1,050,000 courses of antiviral medications in 5 formulations. As of 10/09/09, 150,140 courses have been distributed to the County Health Departments and of those, 7,173 have been dispensed.
Public Stockpile Personal Protective Equipment Available	As of 10/2/09, 2.8 million adult surgical masks, 241,000 pediatric surgical masks, 1.4 million N-95 masks, 1.6million gloves are stockpiled..
Public Stockpile Personal Protective Equipment Distributed	502,000 surgical masks shipped as of 10/9/09, primarily to schools.

Communications:

- Florida Flu Information Line 1-877-352-3581
- The department has received over 14,164 calls to the Florida Flu Information Line since August 24, 2009.
- Since August, there have been over 65,557 visitors to the Florida Department of Health H1N1 website at www.myflusafety.com.

Mass Vaccination Campaign:

- Florida H1N1 Vaccination Campaign is voluntary
- FDA approved four manufacturers for H1N1 Vaccine
- Currently vaccine supply is limited in the numbers and formulation

County Health Department Readiness	As of 10/14/09, based on projected vaccine availability, 55% of the counties surveyed indicated they would begin public vaccination clinics by the week of 10/26/09. The remaining 45% indicated clinics would begin by the week of 11/9/09.
Provider Engagement	Currently 3,072 providers have pre-registered for administering the H1N1 Vaccine, of those 2,239 have completed the full registration process. The fully registered includes 798 Family Medicine, 460 Pediatric and 115 hospital providers.
Vaccine Availability	Florida allocation as of 10/14/09 is 245,800 doses of LAIV. Florida allocation as of 10/14/2009 of injectible multi-dose vials is 182,100. Florida allocation as of 10/14/2009 of injectible single dose vials is 13,800. Providers began receiving initial orders of vaccine on 10/8/09. As of 10/12/2009, the CDC estimates that by 12/04/09 Florida will receive 5.4 million doses. Please note this is an estimate only and subject to change.
Public Mass Vaccination Clinics Scheduled	Public clinics are posted at http://www.myflusafety.com/myfluclinic.htm as dates and locations are established. Vaccine clinic information has been posted for Bradford, Collier, Columbia, Escambia, Flagler, Hamilton, Jefferson, Leon, Marion, Nassau, Seminole, Suwannee, Union, Wakulla. Some counties are not scheduling H1N1 clinics due to limited vaccine amounts. Instead, current supplies are being distributed to specified, identified high-risk groups.