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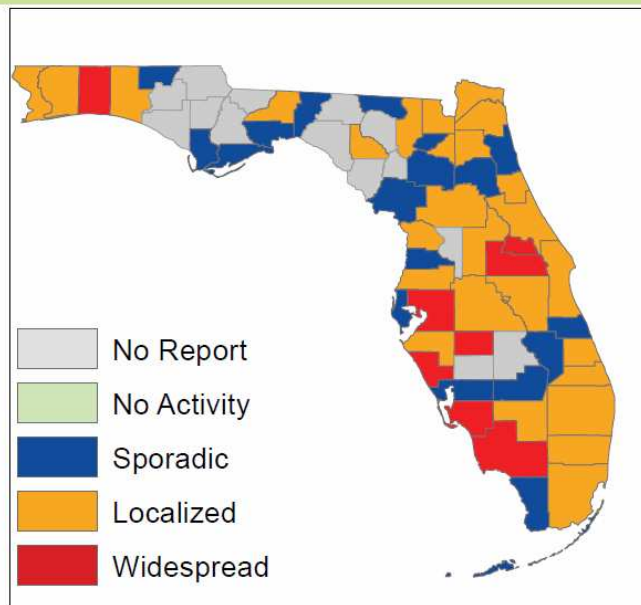
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**Weekly County Influenza Activity
for Week 41 (ending October 17, 2009) as
Reported by 6:02 p.m. October 20, 2009**



As of 10/20/09 Florida reported:

- 912 hospitalizations in persons with lab confirmed H1N1.
- 131 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: 131

Additional laboratory H1N1 Swine Flu deaths have been verified in the following: a 51-year-old male in Brevard County, a 55-year-old female in Charlotte County, a 62-year-old female in Desoto County, a 51-year-old female in Hillsborough County, a 30-year-old female in Lee County, a 55-year-old male in Monroe County, a 33-year-old female in Okaloosa County, a 45-year-old male in Pasco County, a 64-year-old female in Pinellas County, and a 45-year-old male in St. John's County.

"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, and 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	As of 10/16/09, Florida public stockpile includes over 1,019,820 courses of antiviral medications in 5 formulations. 152,390 courses have been distributed to the County Health Departments and of those, 7,624 have been dispensed.
Public Stockpile Personal Protective Equipment Available	As of 10/16/09, 2.6 million adult surgical masks, 170,230 pediatric surgical masks, 882,845 N-95 masks, 1.6 million gloves are stockpiled.
Public Stockpile Personal Protective Equipment Distributed	As of 10/16/09, 445,910 total masks shipped. Surgical masks shipped primarily to schools.

Communications:

- Florida Flu Information Line 1-877-352-3581
- The department has received over 19,482 calls to the Florida Flu Information Line since August 24, 2009.
- Since August, there have been over 76,905 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
- With current reduction in vaccine amounts, supply is limited in the numbers and formulation

Provider Engagement	Currently 4,441 providers have pre-registered for administering the H1N1 Vaccine, of those 3,868 have completed the full registration process.
Vaccine Availability	<p>Florida allocation as of 10/21/09 is 297,200 doses of LAIV.</p> <p>Florida allocation as of 10/21/09 of injectible multi-dose vials is 221,300.</p> <p>Florida allocation as of 10/21/2009 of injectible single dose vials is 42,800.</p> <p>Providers began receiving initial orders of vaccine on 10/8/09. As of 10/19/2009, the CDC estimates that by 12/04/09 Florida will receive 5.1 million doses. Please note this is an estimate only and subject to change.</p>
Public Mass Vaccination Clinics Scheduled	<p>Public clinics are posted at http://www.myflusafety.com/myfluclinic.htm as dates and locations are established.</p> <p>Some counties are not scheduling H1N1 clinics due to limited vaccine amounts. Instead, current supplies are being distributed identified high-risk groups. High risk groups are: pregnant women, people who live with or care for infants younger than 6 months of age, health care or emergency medical personnel, and children and young adults (6 months to 24 years).</p>