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Novel H1N1 & Seasonal Influenza Key Points - Oct 02

- The CDC expects up to 3 million doses of live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) to be available for ordering.
- First orders placed on September 30th are expected to be in provider settings by Monday, October 5th or Tuesday, October 6th.
- It is important to keep in mind that there will be lag times between states placing orders and vaccine actually being distributed and any number of things can create lag times between time of distribution to states and when vaccine actually arrives in provider offices or clinics.
- Syncope, or fainting, has been reported after vaccination with any vaccine, and is common among adolescent patients. Falls, as a result of fainting after vaccination, can sometimes result in serious injuries. Such injuries can be prevented by assuring that the vaccinated person is sitting in a chair or lying down and is observed for 15 minutes following vaccination.
- The largest supplier of seasonal flu vaccine, Sanofi Pasteur is experiencing a delay in their shipments. Currently, the company has shipped more than half of the 50.5 million doses of Sanofi Pasteur seasonal flu vaccine ordered by the U.S. healthcare providers. It could be November before customers receive their complete orders.

Novel H1N1 Flu Situation Update - CDC - Oct 02

This page also includes current information on the US Seasonal Influenza Weekly Report (Flu View) and the Weekly US Map.

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/update.htm>

Novel H1N1 Influenza: Resources for Clinicians - CDC - Oct 02

This page is designed to give clinicians access to the latest guidelines and information on the evolving novel H1N1 influenza investigation.

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/clinicians/>

2009-2010 Influenza Season Triage Algorithm for Adults (>18 Years) With Influenza-Like Illness (PDF) - CDC - Oct 02

This algorithm is designed to assist physicians and those under their supervision in identifying indicators of and responses to symptoms of flu-like illness (i.e., fever with cough or sore throat). (NOTE: this guidance is not intended for use by the general public and is not a substitute for sound clinical judgment.)

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/clinicians/pdf/adultalgorithm.pdf>

Bacterial Coinfections in Lung Tissue Specimens from Fatal Cases of 2009 Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1) - United States, May - August 2009 - CDC/MMWR - Oct 02

In previous influenza pandemics, studies of autopsy specimens have shown that most deaths attributed to influenza A virus infection occurred concurrently with bacterial pneumonia, but such evidence has been lacking for 2009 pandemic influenza A (H1N1).

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5838a4.htm>

Influenza Vaccination

Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Children Aged 6 Months - 18 Years - Eight Immunization Information System Sentinel Sites, United States, 2008 - 2009 Influenza Season - CDC/MMWR - Oct 02

Vaccination is the most effective way to prevent influenza-related morbidity and mortality.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5838a1.htm>

2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine and Pregnant Women: Information for Healthcare Providers - CDC - Oct 02

http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/providers_ga.htm

Questions and Answers on 2009 H1N1 Vaccine Financing - CDC - Oct 01

http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu/vaccination/statelocal/vaccine_financing.htm

Influenza Diagnostic Testing

Interim Recommendations for Clinical Use of Influenza Diagnostic Testing During the 2009-2010 Influenza Season (Q&As) - CDC - Sept 29

http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/diagnostic_testing_clinicians_ga.htm

Interim Recommendations for Clinical Use of Influenza Diagnostic Tests During the 2009-10 Influenza Season - CDC - Sept 29

To provide updated interim recommendations on influenza diagnostic testing for clinicians treating patients with suspected 2009 H1N1 influenza virus infection and to assist clinicians with testing decisions for the 2009-10 influenza season.

http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/diagnostic_tests.htm

Influenza Patient Educational Material

2009 H1N1 Influenza Shots and Pregnant Women: Questions and Answers for Patients - CDC - Oct 02

http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/pregnant_ga.htm

Influenza Diagnostic Testing During the 2009-2010 Flu Season - CDC - Sept 29

http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/diagnostic_testing_public_ga.htm

Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) for Inactivated 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine (PDF)

Explains to vaccine recipients, their parents, or their legal representatives both the benefits and risks of the vaccine.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-inact-h1n1.pdf>

Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) for Live, Intranasal 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine (PDF)

Explains to vaccine recipients, their parents, or their legal representatives both the benefits and risks of the vaccine.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-laiv-h1n1.pdf>

Emergency Preparedness and Response

Get Smart: Know When Antibiotics Work - CDC - Oct 05

Antibiotics do not fight infections caused by viruses, like colds, flu, most sore throats and bronchitis, and some ear infections. Rest, fluids, and over-the-counter products may be your or your child's best treatment option.

<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/GetSmart/>

New Guide Available from U.S. Government for Community and Faith-Based Organizations Working to Help Americans Stay Healthy from H1N1 and Seasonal Flu - HHS - Oct 02

Officials from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the White House Office for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships began distributing a new flu-response guide for community and faith-based organizations in an effort to reach out and educate Americans about the dangers of the new H1N1 and seasonal flu, and to reach populations who may not have access to this public health information in other ways.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/10/20091002a.html>

FDA Issues Strategic Plan for Risk Communication - FDA - Sept 30

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued its Strategic Plan for Risk Communication, which outlines the agency's efforts to disseminate more meaningful public health information.

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm184331.htm>