

MHD provides key stakeholders with 2010 – 2011 Influenza Season situational reports to summarize the latest updates regarding the MHD, State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WDHS) and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) response to 2010 – 2011 Seasonal Influenza.

New Key Developments

1. MHD has developed “2010 – 2011 Seasonal Influenza Testing Recommendations for Clinicians” and posted them at <http://www.milwaukee.gov/flu/HealthProfessionals.htm>. These are guidelines and recommendations only. They do not replace clinicians’ judgment, and are subject to change as additional clinical and epidemiologic data regarding seasonal influenza becomes available.
2. MHD has partnered with the Aurora Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) to provide seasonal influenza clinics at the following MHD locations.

MHD Northwest Health Center 7630 W. Mill Road Milwaukee, WI 53218 10/5/2010 from 8 am – 2 pm	MHD Keenan Health Center 3200 N 36 th St Milwaukee, WI 53216 10/6/2010 from 10 am – 1 pm
MHD Southside Health Center 1639 S 23 rd St Milwaukee, WI 53204 10/8/2010 from 10 am – 1 pm	Zeidler Municipal Building 841 N Broadway Milwaukee, WI 53202 11/4/2010 from 9 am – 3 pm

The Aurora VNA will provide seasonal influenza vaccinations to individuals 9 years of age and up for a cost of \$30. Medicaid and Medicare Part B will also be accepted.

3. The CDC has released updated healthcare prevention strategies for seasonal influenza. These updated guidelines supersede previous CDC guidance for both seasonal and 2009 Influenza A (H1N1). For a copy of the guidance, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/infectioncontrol/healthcaresettings.htm>.
4. On August 27, 2010 the CDC released updated influenza death estimates that are aimed at better reflecting the total number of deaths associated with the predominately circulating strain of influenza for each season, versus simply providing an estimate of 36,000 deaths each year. The estimates have identified the number of deaths associated with influenza (1977 – 2007) ranged from about 3,300 to 48,600 deaths with an average of about 23,600 deaths each season. For a copy of the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report dated August 27, 2010, please visit www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/wk/mm5933.pdf.

Influenza Surveillance

- At this time MHD and the WDHS have NOT identified or received reports of influenza viruses circulating in southeastern Wisconsin.
 - WDHS has identified sporadic cases influenza within other areas of Wisconsin; however those cases have been associated with recent travel outside of Wisconsin where they were most likely infected.
- The MHD and other public health partners are uncertain at this time which influenza virus will be the predominant circulating strain for this season. For this reason, MHD is strongly encouraging all individuals (6 months of age and older) to receive their annual seasonal influenza vaccination as soon as possible, regardless if they received a seasonal or pandemic influenza vaccination last season.
- Per MHD's recent testing guidelines, clinicians are reminded that rapid influenza tests should not be used during periods of low influenza prevalence, due to high false positive rates in such circumstances; instead clinicians should send specimens to a qualified laboratory that can perform an rRT-PCR influenza assay.

Influenza Vaccine

- On August 30, 2010 the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) updated their recommendations on the use of seasonal influenza vaccine and antiviral treatments for the 2010 – 2011 influenza season. The AAP recommendations are similar to those put forth by the CDC in the MMWR dated July 29, 2010. For a copy of the AAP recommendations, please visit <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/reprint/peds.2010-2216v1>.
- The Aurora VNA and Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare have announced the dates and times of their seasonal influenza vaccination clinics for this influenza season. No appointments are necessary for either organization. For more information on the cost, accepted medical coverage, and age requirements of these clinics, please visit their individual websites.
 - Aurora VNA (www.aurorahealthcare.org/services/vna/shoooflu/index.asp)
 - Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare (www.mywheaton.org/about/documents/Community_Flu_Clinics.pdf)
- Several area pharmacies have announced that they now have seasonal influenza vaccine available at their locations. For more information on the cost, need for an appointment, accepted medical coverage, and age requirements, please visit their individual websites.
 - CVS (www.cvs.com/flu/?WT.mc_id=B_083010_CVSHome_Flu_Scheduler)
 - Target (http://sites.target.com/site/en/spot/flushot_locator.jsp)
 - Walgreens (www.walgreens.com/marketing/storelocator/find.jsp?check=true&ban=flh1_h_flu)
 - Walmart (<http://flushotsusa.walmart.com/>)

Additional Resources

- Internet Based
 - www.milwaukee.gov/flu
 - www.pandemic.wisconsin.gov
 - www.cdc.gov/flu

The information contained in this situational report has been generated by MHD and is intended to be used by public health stakeholders to assist them in making strategic decisions during the 2010 – 2011 Influenza Season. This situational report is not intended to replace stakeholders' current pandemic flu planning or their continuity of operations plans.