

MHD provides key stakeholders with weekly 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) situational reports to summarize the latest updates regarding the MHD, State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) response to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1).

*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 2009 – 2010 Influenza Season. This situational report is not intended to replace stakeholders' current pandemic flu planning or their continuity of operations plans.*

## New Key Developments

- 1. MHD has received limited number injectable doses of 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine and will target those limited doses of vaccine to healthcare workers and other individuals who will assist in the distribution of 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine and who were not able to receive the Live Attenuated Influenza Virus Vaccine (LAIV), i.e., the “nasal spray” vaccine.**
- 2. Wisconsin Division of Health Services (WDHS) has initiated a clinician’s hotline for healthcare providers who have questions regarding 2009 Influenza A (H1N1). The phone number for this hotline is 877-393-4161 and is available weekdays from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.**
- 3. MHD is aware that some healthcare providers have exhausted their supply of Seasonal Influenza Vaccine and are reporting that they will not be receiving additional Seasonal Influenza Vaccine this influenza season. However:**
  - **There still are locations within the City of Milwaukee that have Seasonal Influenza Vaccine**
  - **Individuals should not wait until 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine becomes available to receive their Seasonal Influenza Vaccine**
  - **More Seasonal Influenza Vaccine is expected to be available by late November**

## 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Surveillance

- MHD continues to identify increased levels of influenza like illness (ILI) – defined as fever plus either cough or sore throat – being reported at local emergency departments for this time of year

- A second death due to the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) virus since September 1, 2009 has been reported in Monroe County
- From September 1, 2009 through October 12, 2009, there have been 3 reported hospitalizations due to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) in Milwaukee County
- 37 states are now reporting widespread activity of ILI, and the CDC is reporting that 99% of all subtyped influenza A viruses being reported to the CDC during the week of September 27<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup> continued to be 2009 Influenza A (H1N1)
  - Wisconsin will likely report widespread ILI activity in next week's CDC report

## MHD Activities

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- On October 13, 2009 MHD updated the testing recommendations for 2009 Influenza A (H1N1); the focus for testing for 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) virus should continue to be limited to individuals who fall within one of the following groups (further information is available at [www.milwaukee.gov/flu](http://www.milwaukee.gov/flu)):
  - Individuals hospitalized with ILI, or patients with moderate-to-severe ILI
  - Patients who died of an acute illness in which influenza was suspected
  - Pregnant women with ILI
  - Those rare patients for whom a confirmed diagnosis of influenza would change decisions regarding clinical care, infection control or management of close contacts

## 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine

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- MHD continues to plan for three large mass vaccination clinics that are anticipated to commence in late October or early November; at these clinics MHD will target 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine to individuals listed below:
  - Pregnant woman
  - Persons who live with or care for children less than 6 months of age
  - Healthcare and emergency services personnel
  - Persons between the age of 6 months and 24 years of age
  - Persons from age 25 to 64 years of age who are at higher risk for 2009 Novel Influenza A (H1N1) because of chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems

## Infection Control Measures

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- On October 14, 2009 the CDC released their updated “Interim guidance on Infection Control Measures for 2009 H1N1 Influenza in Healthcare Settings, Including Protection of Healthcare Personnel” ([http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidelines\\_infection\\_control.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidelines_infection_control.htm))
- The federal government has recently initiated a “H1N1 Flu Self-Evaluation” ([www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov)) tool for individuals 18 years of age or older that is intended to assist individuals in determining if they have influenza and whether they need to seek further medical attention

## Additional Resources and Information

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- Internet Based
  - [www.milwaukee.gov/flu](http://www.milwaukee.gov/flu)
  - [www.pandemic.wisconsin.gov](http://www.pandemic.wisconsin.gov)
  - [www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu)
- Phone Based
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