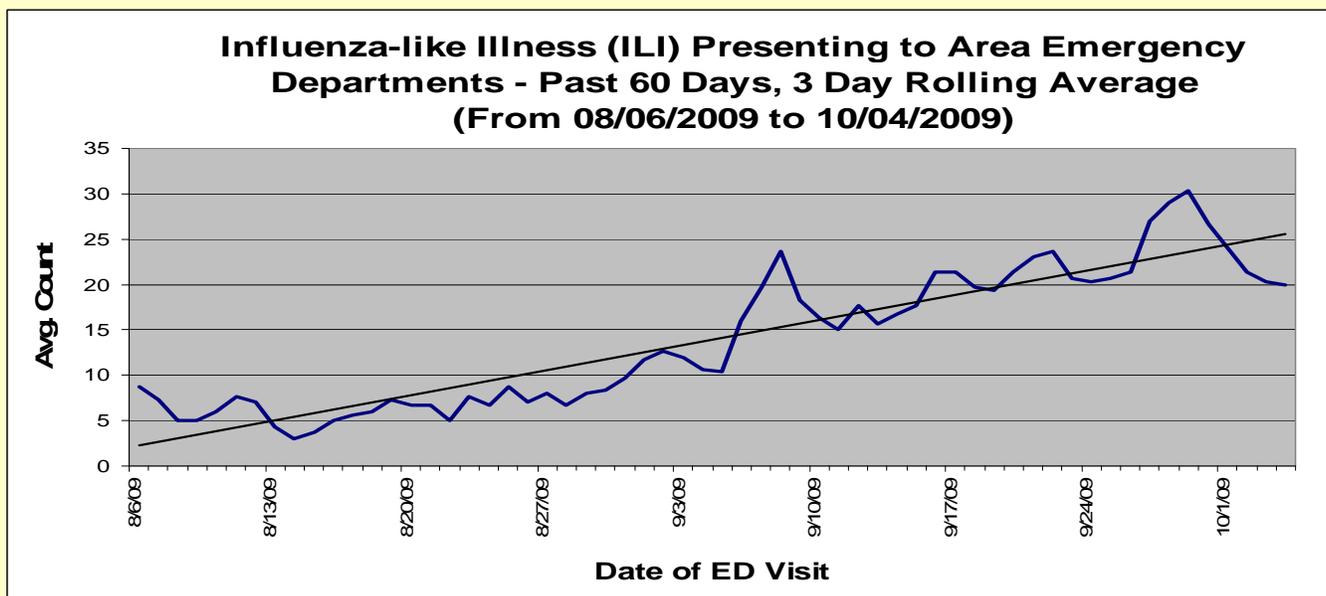


MHD provides key stakeholders with weekly 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) situational reports to summarize the latest updates regarding the MHD, State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) response to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1).

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. On October 8, 2009 MHD will begin vaccinating health care workers with MHD's initial allotment of 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine. This initial allotment was Live Attenuated Influenza Virus Vaccine (LAIV), i.e., the “nasal spray” vaccine, so the initial healthcare recipients of this 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine will be healthy healthcare workers less than 49 years of age.
2. Wisconsin Division of Health Services (WDHS) announced first death due to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) for the 2009 – 2010 Influenza Season. The death occurred in Rock County citizen who had underlying medical conditions.
3. MHD continues to identify increased levels of emergency department visits for this time of year.



2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Surveillance

- Those K-12 schools and childcare providers that partner with MHD have begun to report an increase in absenteeism over the last several days due to influenza like illness
- From September 1, 2009 through October 5, 2009, there have been 3 reported hospitalizations due to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) in Milwaukee County
- 27 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 20th – September 26th were 2009 Influenza A (H1N1)

MHD Activities

- MHD has worked with the City of Milwaukee Department of Employee Relations to develop a City of Milwaukee Employment Policy for the 2009 – 2010 Influenza Season. This policy includes information for both healthcare workers as well as general staff members who work for the City of Milwaukee. The policy is available for review at the following website:
www.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/User/jkamme/Policies/ExclusionFromEmploymentPolicy.pdf

2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine

- Wisconsin received 46,000 doses of 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) LAIV Vaccine, which was targeted to larger hospitals and public health agencies
- MHD anticipates that injectable 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine will arrive in the coming week; once arrived MHD will continue to target healthcare workers with the initial shipment of injectable vaccine in an effort to vaccinate healthcare workers who were not able to receive the first shipment of 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) intranasal vaccine that was received earlier in the week

Community Infection Control Measures

- On October 6, 2009 Wisconsin Dells School District announced the closing of five schools including Wisconsin Dells High School which had approximately 33% of its students out sick due to ILI; however, since current surveillance of the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) virus has not identified an increase in the severity of illness, MHD continues to **NOT** recommend the mass closure of schools within the City of Milwaukee

Additional Resources and Information

- Internet Based
 - www.milwaukee.gov/flu
 - www.pandemic.wisconsin.gov
 - www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu
- Phone Based
 - 211

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