

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 (WDHS) and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) response to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1).

New Key Developments

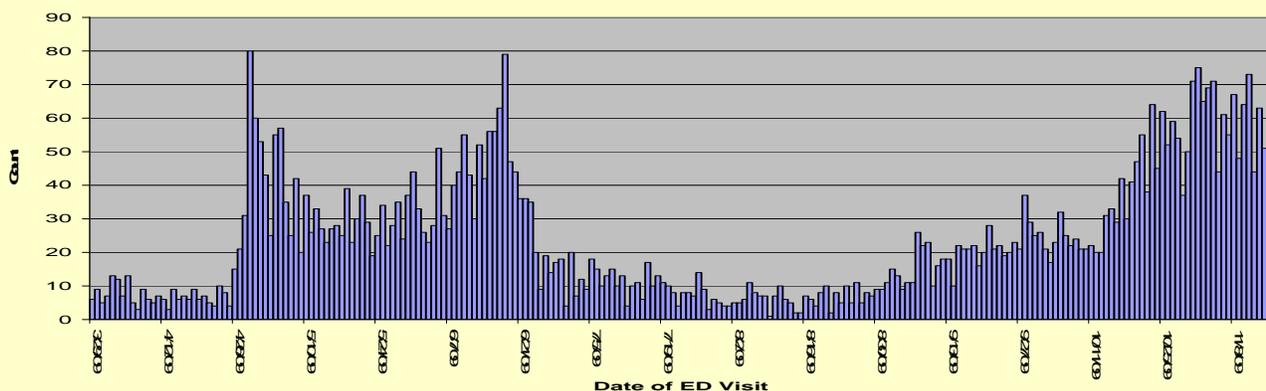
1. MHD will hold two large public vaccination clinics: on Thursday November 19, 2009 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Sara Scott Complex (1017 N. 12th Street) and on Friday November 20, 2009 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at South Division High School (1515 W. Lapham Blvd.). The doses of vaccine given at these clinics will be targeted towards the following groups of individuals:

- Pregnant women
- ***EXPANDED AGE RANGE*** Children aged 6 months to 24 years of age
- Healthcare workers with direct patient contact
- Caregivers and household contacts of infants under 6 months of age
- Adults aged 25 to 64 years of age with underlying medical conditions

The MHD is exploring the possibility of expanding vaccination to the general public in the near future pending vaccine availability. Should this decision be made before the next MHD Situational Awareness Report, an email will be sent to all current recipients of this report.

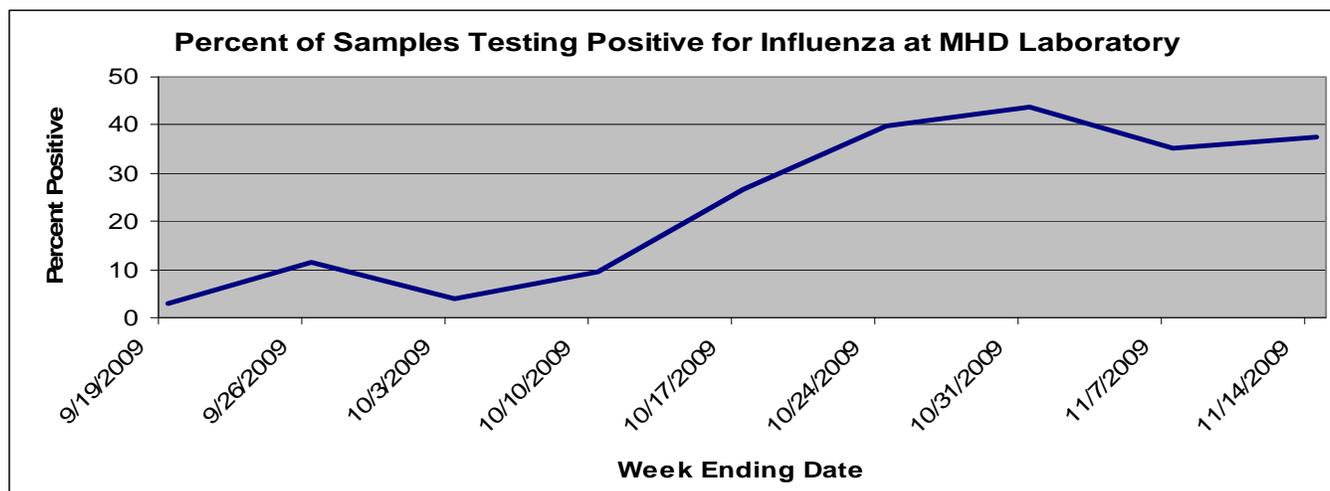
2. WDHS has reported 11 additional deaths (none in Milwaukee County) in Wisconsin due to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) since November 11, 2009. This brings the current total of deaths in Wisconsin to 31 due to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1).
3. For the first time in the last 7 weeks, MHD has identified a decrease in emergency department visits for influenza like illness (fever plus cough or sore throat); however current levels remain quite high and it is too early to know if a decreasing trend will continue.

Influenza-like Illness Presenting to Area Emergency Departments



2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Surveillance

- Since September 1, 2009 there have been 74 hospitalizations in Milwaukee County and 405 in Wisconsin due to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1). This compares to 205 hospitalizations in Milwaukee County and 239 in Wisconsin due to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) during spring/summer 2009.
- MHD laboratory's average percent positivity rate since November 11, 2009 for samples being tested for 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) virus is 37.6% which is elevated to levels consistent with widespread disease in the community



- WDHS has identified high levels of influenza like illness in Southeast Wisconsin for the last 3 weeks
- CDC is reporting that there were 26 pediatric deaths reported nationwide during the week of November 1st – November 7th due to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1); this brings the total deaths associated to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) to 156 deaths since Spring
- 46 states are reporting widespread activity of ILI (2 less than previous week), and the CDC is reporting that all subtyped influenza A viruses being reported to the CDC during the week of November 1st – November 7th continued to be 2009 Influenza A (H1N1)

2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine

- On November 13, 2009 the US Food and Drug Administration announced that the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) and Seasonal Vaccine manufactured by CSL Limited has been approved to include children ages 6 months and older. These vaccines were previously approved for individuals 18 years of age and older
- Children aged 9 years or less are recommended to receive a second dose of 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine 28 days after the child's first vaccination
- MHD is reminding individuals who attend City of Milwaukee 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) mass vaccination clinics that wait times may exceed one hour or more, some waiting may be outside, and individuals should dress appropriately for the weather
- MHD's vaccine consent forms (available in English and Spanish) are now available for download through our website (www.milwaukee.gov/flu); this form can be printed and filled out prior to

attending a City of Milwaukee Health Department 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) mass vaccination clinic to speed up the process of registration

Additional Resources and Information

- Internet Based
 - www.milwaukee.gov/flu
 - www.pandemic.wisconsin.gov
 - www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu
- Phone Based
 - 211
- WDHS clinicians hotline will not be available on Friday November 27, 2009 due to a scheduled furlough day for the WDHS; if you are a clinician looking for assistance with a question on that day, please contact the CDC Clinician’s Hotline at 800-232-4636

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