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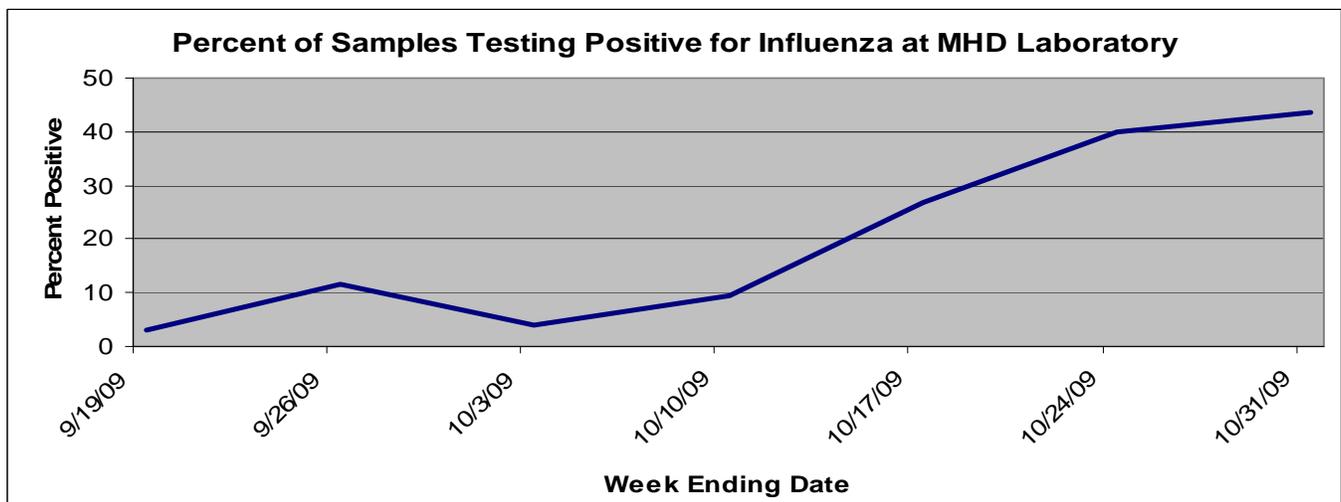
MHD provides key stakeholders with weekly 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) situational reports to summarize the latest updates regarding the MHD, State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) response to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1).

New Key Developments

1. MHD received a shipment of injectable and nasal spray 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine on November 3, 2009. As a result MHD will hold two mass vaccination clinics: one on Thursday November 5, 2009 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Sarah Scott Complex (1017 N. 12th St.); and one on Friday November 6, 2009 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 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
 - Children aged 6 months to 18 years of age
 - Healthcare workers with direct patient contact
 - Caregivers and household contacts of infants under 6 months of age
2. Since September 1, 2009 there have been 36 hospitalizations in Milwaukee County due to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1); of those, half (18) have occurred within the last week.

2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Surveillance

- MHD laboratory's percent positivity rate for samples being tested for 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) virus continues to remain elevated to levels consistent with widespread disease in the community



- MHD continues to identify increased levels of emergency department visits for influenza like illness (fever plus cough or sore throat) and current levels are at or near the very high levels experienced during first wave in the spring of 2009
- Likewise, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services is currently identifying a high level of influenza like illness in Southeast Wisconsin
- CDC is reporting that there were 19 pediatric deaths reported during the week of October 18th – October 24th due to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1)
- 48 states are now reporting widespread activity of ILI (including Wisconsin), and the CDC is reporting that all subtyped influenza A viruses being reported to the CDC during the week of October 18th – October 24th continued to be 2009 Influenza A (H1N1)

2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine

- As additional 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine becomes available within Southeast Wisconsin, individuals can search for vaccination clinics using 211's vaccine locator (<http://wisconsinfluclinic.info/>).

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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