

Due to declining levels of influenza like activity in the City of Milwaukee and Wisconsin, MHD will move to providing key stakeholders with a **bi-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

- NOTE: "Flu News You Can Use" the City of Milwaukee Health Department Influenza A (H1N1) Situational Awareness Reports will be issued on a biweekly basis with the next report being issued on January 7, 2009. Should a resurgence or third wave of 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) occur the MHD will commence with weekly situational awareness reports as previously issued. Thank you all for your continued support of the MHD and community during continued planning and response to pandemic H1N1 influenza!**
- MHD will make 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine available for individuals paying their City of Milwaukee property taxes or others wishing to receive their vaccination on Tuesday December 29, 2009 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm across the street from city hall in the lower level of the Zeidler Municipal Building (841 N. Broadway). Vaccination against H1N1 influenza is being recommended for all members of the public wishing to prevent illness or the spread of flu within the community. The highest risk groups for complications of H1N1 disease are:**
 - Pregnant women
 - Healthcare workers with direct patient contact
 - Children and young adults aged 6 months to 24 years of age
 - Caregivers and household contacts to infants under the age of 6 months
 - Adults aged 25 to 64 years of age with chronic underlying medical conditions
- On December 22, 2009 CDC announced a voluntary non-safety related recall of 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) intranasal vaccine due to decreased potency in 13 lots. MHD received 3,500 doses of the affected vaccine in October. All of these doses were administered within 2 weeks of receipt and MHD does not currently have any affected lots in inventory. There are no safety concerns regarding this vaccine and individuals who received it do not need to receive another does of vaccine. At this time MHD believes that the vaccine administered by MHD was fully potent at the time of vaccination. For complete information on the recall, see: http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/sprayrecall_qa.htm.**

2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Surveillance

- MHD surveillance indicates continued reductions in the number of persons presenting with ILI at local hospital emergency departments as well as a decrease in the percent positivity rate of samples being tested for 2009 Influenza A (H1N1). These data provide continued evidence that the second wave of 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) is on the downward trend in the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County.

- Since September 1, 2009 there have been 203 reported hospitalizations in Milwaukee County and 884 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.
- WDHS' weekly surveillance report for the week of December 6th – December 12th identifies that the State of Wisconsin as well as the Southeast Region are currently experiencing low levels of ILI activity.
- The CDC is reporting that 11 states reported widespread influenza activity, 20 states reported regional activity and 11 states (including Wisconsin) reported local activity for the week of December 6th – December 12th.
- According to the CDC, there were 8 pediatric deaths reported nationwide during the week of December 6th – December 12th due to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1); this brings the total US pediatric deaths associated with 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) to 232 deaths since Spring.

Additional 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Information

- The international human resources company Mercer, recently surveyed 1000 international companies on how they were coping with 2009 Influenza A (H1N1). For more information and results regarding this survey, see: <https://www.imercer.com/uploads/common/swf/SurveyResults/H1N1/h1n1surveyresults.html>.

Additional Resources

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