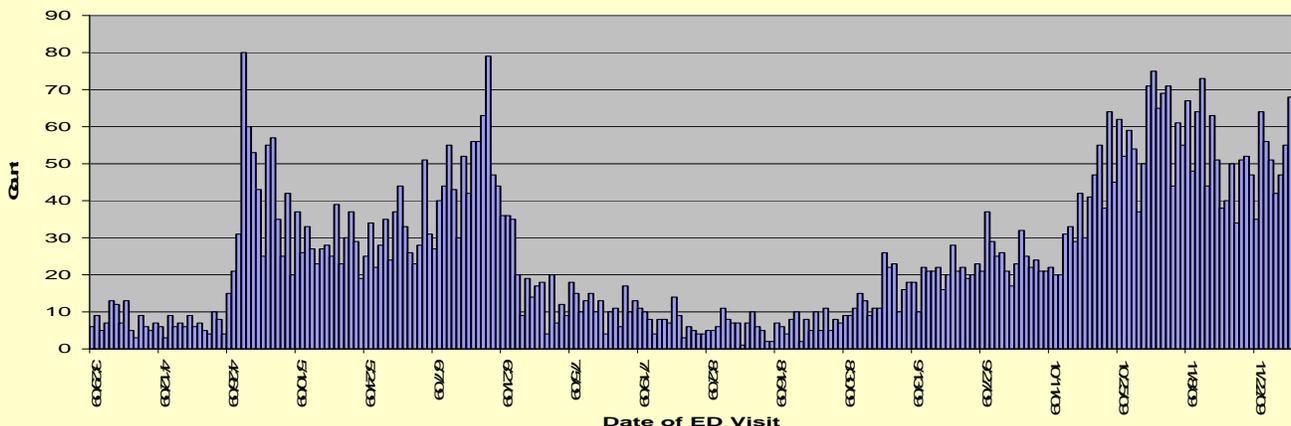


MHD provides key stakeholders with weekly 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) situational reports to summarize the latest updates regarding the MHD, State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WDHS) and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) response to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1).

New Key Developments

1. MHD received an additional shipment of injectable and nasal spray 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine on November 30, 2009. As a result MHD will hold a public vaccination clinic on Saturday December 5, 2009 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at 88th Street School (3575 S. 88th Street). Although this and future clinics will provide vaccinations to all that attend, MHD continues to strongly encourage that the following groups receive the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine:
 - 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
2. Surveillance data collected within Milwaukee County over the past week continues to identify a high number of persons presenting with influenza like illness (ILI) at local hospital emergency departments for this time of year and do not currently show evidence of a diminishing trend locally.

Influenza-like Illness Presenting to Area Emergency Departments



3. The WDHS reported 6 additional deaths in Wisconsin due to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) since the last MHD Situational Awareness Report was issued. The City of West Allis on December 2, 2009 also announced a death within their community due to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1). This brings the total number of deaths in Wisconsin due to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) to 41.

4. The CDC's Office of General Council has received reports of fraudulent emails (phishing) referencing a CDC sponsored State Vaccination Program that requests individuals 18 years of age and older to register and create an account to be vaccinated for 2009 Influenza A (H1N1). CDC has not implemented a state vaccination program requiring registration. Individuals who click on the email are at risk of having malicious code installed on their computer or network. An example of a fraudulent email can be viewed at CDC's website (http://www.cdc.gov/hoaxes_rumors.html).

2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Surveillance

- Since September 1, 2009 there have been 162 hospitalizations in Milwaukee County and 698 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.
- The CDC is reporting that 32 states are currently experiencing widespread influenza activity for the week of November 15th – November 21st. This is down from 43 states for the previous reporting week and Wisconsin has now been downgraded from widespread to regional influenza activity.
- CDC is reporting that there were 27 pediatric deaths reported nationwide during the week of November 15th – November 21st due to 2009 Influenza A (H1N1); this brings the total US pediatric deaths associated with 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) to 198 deaths since Spring
- CDC is reporting that over 99% of subtyped influenza A viruses reported to the CDC during the week of November 8th – November 14th continued to be 2009 Influenza A (H1N1)

2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine

- 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 will provide vaccinations at mass clinics while vaccine remains available and within the designated clinic hours
- MHD's vaccine consent forms (available in English and Spanish) are now available for download through are 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

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine

- Reports of shortages of seasonal influenza vaccine in the City of Milwaukee continue to be received by the MHD. MHD doesn't currently have seasonal influenza vaccine available; however some healthcare providers in Milwaukee County do currently have vaccine available. Persons wishing to receive either H1N1 or seasonal flu vaccine are encouraged to contact their primary healthcare providers or call 211.

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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