



Health Alert

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Pandemic (H1N1) 2009

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Please distribute to all providers in your practice.

Current Situation

H1N1 has caused 4820 hospitalizations in California, and 266 deaths. Visits to doctors for ILI are far above normal for this time of year, and are rising rapidly in California as well as nationwide. H1N1 influenza is widespread nationwide.

Updates

- H1N1 vaccine delivery has been uneven statewide, creating frustration for physicians and patients alike.
- City of Berkeley providers who have ordered H1N1 through www.CalPanFlu.org should anticipate vaccine delivery by mid-November. We are in touch daily with CDPH in efforts to obtain vaccine for our jurisdiction.
- **Questions about vaccine orders or delivery should be addressed to www.CalPanFlu.org**
- CDPH is releasing stockpiled N95 respirators for use by health care facilities experiencing shortages. Health care facilities experiencing shortages can request supplies by contacting the Berkeley Public Health Division (see link to guidance below).
- **NEW CDC provider hotline for questions about pregnant women with ILI 404-368-2133 (24 Hrs/day, 7 d).**
- **NEW NUMBER FOR CDPH H1N1 Hotline for Health Care Providers 1-888 867-6319 (8am-6pm M-F)**

Guidelines

- VACCINE:
 - CDC: [Top 10 FAQ on use of influenza A \(H1N1\) 2009 monovalent vaccines: Practical considerations for immunization programs and providers \(10/21/09\)](#)
 - CDC: [H1N1 Vaccine Administration Billing Q & As \(10/21/09\)](#)
 - CDC: [H1N1 Vaccine Clinician Q & A \(10/23/09\)](#)
 - CDPH: [H1N1 Vaccine and Thimerosal Exemption \(10/15/09\)](#)
- ANTIVIRALS:
 - CDC: [Recommendations for Early Empiric Antiviral Treatment \(10/19/09\)](#)
 - CDC: [Antiviral Treatment Options, including Intravenous Peramivir, for Treatment of Influenza in Hospitalized Patients for the 2009-2010 Season \(10/26/09\)](#)
- PEDIATRICS:
 - CDC: [Use of Antiviral Medications for the Management of Influenza in Children and Adolescent for the 2009-2010 Season – Pediatric Supplement \(10/16/09\)](#)
 - CDC: [2009-2010 Influenza Season Triage Algorithm for Children With ILI \(10/16/09\)](#)
- OB/GYN:
 - CDC: [Updated Interim Recommendations for Obstetric Health Care Providers Related to Use of Antiviral Medications in the Treatment and Prevention of Influenza for the 2009-2010 Season \(10/23/09\)](#)
- RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:
 - Cal/OSHA: [Interim Enforcement Policy on H1N1 \(Aerosol Transmissible Diseases\) \(10/22/09\)](#)
 - CDPH: [CDPH Interim Guidance on Distribution of State and Federal Stockpiles of N95 Respirators for H1N1 \(2009\) Influenza Pandemic \(PDF\)](#) and related (CDPH) [Appendix A \(PDF\)](#)
- GENERAL: CDPH: [CDPH Health Alert \(11/3/09\)](#)

Since the situation is dynamic, your best sources for information are:

- Center for Disease Control (CDC): <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>
- California Department of Public Health (CDPH): <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/>
- City of Berkeley Public Health Division: <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/publichealth>

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