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**New & Updated CDC and Journal Information**

Below is new and updated influenza information from CDC and academic journals:

CDC Key Points 10/08/09

Provides a summary of the *New England Journal of Medicine* article “Hospitalized Patients with 2009 H1N1 Influenza in the United States, April–June 2009” which describes the clinical characteristics of patients who were hospitalized with H1N1 this past spring. Click here for the [CDC Key Points](#) document. The *New England Journal of Medicine* article is available at: <http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/full/NEJMoa0906695>

CDC Interim Guidance for Influenza Surveillance: Prioritizing RT-PCR Testing in Laboratories 10/09/09

New guidelines have been developed in an effort to prioritize patients for testing by RT-PCR for influenza for surveillance purposes: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/screening.htm>.

Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Children and Adults - United States, 2008-09 Influenza Season MMWR Volume 58, No. 39

In 2008, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended all children aged 5-18 years receive seasonal influenza vaccine annually, beginning with the 2008-09 season, if feasible, but no later than the 2009-10 season. To assess vaccination uptake among children and adults during the 2008-09 influenza season, CDC analyzed data from 19 states, representing 43% of the U.S. population. This report summarizes the results of the analysis:

[http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5839a1.htm?s\\_cid=mm5839a1\\_e](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5839a1.htm?s_cid=mm5839a1_e)

Update on Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccines MMWR Volume 58, No. 39

On September 15, 2009, four influenza vaccine manufacturers received approval from the Food and Drug Administration for use of influenza A (H1N1) 2009 monovalent influenza

vaccines in the prevention of influenza caused by the 2009 pandemic influenza A (H1N1) virus. Both live, attenuated and inactivated influenza A (H1N1) 2009 monovalent vaccine formulations are available; each contains the strain A/California/7/2009(H1N1)pdm. None of the approved influenza A 2009 (H1N1) monovalent vaccines or seasonal influenza vaccines contains adjuvants. Children aged 6 months--9 years receiving influenza A (H1N1) 2009 monovalent vaccines should receive 2 doses, with doses separated by approximately 4 weeks; persons aged ≥10 years should receive 1 dose. This report provides additional updates and preliminary data.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5839a3.htm>

Announcement: New System for Monitoring Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-Like Illness *MMWR* Volume 58, No. 39

CDC has partnered with the International Society for Disease Surveillance and the Public Health Informatics Institute to enhance surveillance for influenza-like illness (ILI) through a system called "Distribute." The Distribute system aggregates information from hospital emergency department (ED) syndromic surveillance systems operated by state and local health departments; the name reflects the shared and distributed responsibilities for developing and managing the system.

[http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5839a5.htm?s\\_cid=mm5839a5\\_e](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5839a5.htm?s_cid=mm5839a5_e)

Preparing for the Sickest Patients With 2009 Influenza A(H1N1) *Journal of the American Medical Association* 10/12/09

Three reports providing empirical data about the nature and severity of the disease will assist ICU clinicians. Click here for reports <http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/2009.1539>.

NEW 10/12/09: Template Letter for Healthcare Providers about the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)

[http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu/vaccination/statelocal/letter\\_template\\_HCP.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu/vaccination/statelocal/letter_template_HCP.htm)

UPDATED 10/08/09: H1N1 Clinicians Questions and Answers

[http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/clinicians\\_qa.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/clinicians_qa.htm)

UPDATED: Questions and Answers on 2009 H1N1 Vaccine Financing

[http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu/vaccination/statelocal/vaccine\\_financing.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu/vaccination/statelocal/vaccine_financing.htm)

2009-2010 Influenza Season Triage Algorithm for Adults (>18 Years) With Influenza-Like Illness <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/clinicians/pdf/adultalgorithm.pdf>

CDC Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Dosage Chart

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/2009-10/pdf/dosagechart.pdf>