

**Fresno County Department of Public Health
Pandemic Flu H1N1
Situation / Status Report
December 15, 2009**

Fresno County

Pandemic Flu H1N1 is widespread throughout the County of Fresno. The severity of the virus remains mild to moderate and most people recover without incident. Medical attention is recommended if illness becomes severe.

Pandemic Flu H1N1 Activity		
	Week of 12-6 to 12-12	Cumulative Data 6-01-09 to 12-12-09
Hospitalizations	6	396
Deaths	1	22

The Department recommends the following to reduce the risk of flu infection:

- Cover coughs and sneezes;
- Wash hands frequently;
- Stay home if sick;
- Keep sick children home from school;
- Get a Seasonal Flu vaccination and a Pandemic Flu H1N1 vaccination as it becomes available.

Communication Update

The Department of Public Health has launched the “Say NO 2 Flu” campaign and is in collaboration with multiple community partners to promote consistent messages in English, Spanish, and Hmong. Visit the Department’s website at www.fcdph.org for news releases, brochures, and updated guidance.

Contact the Department’s Toll-Free Flu Information Line at 1-888-993-3003 for updates on Seasonal Flu and Pandemic Flu H1N1.

Pandemic Flu H1N1 Vaccine Update

This week, one manufacturer who supplies H1N1 vaccine to the United States recalled about 800,000 doses of H1N1 vaccine nationwide because after routine quality testing it was determined that the doses had lost some of their potency after being shipped. This was a voluntary recall of vaccine meant for children between the ages of 6 months and 35 months. The company and the CDC emphasized that the recall was not prompted by safety concerns, and that even though the vaccine isn't quite as potent as it's supposed to be, children who received it don't have to be immunized again against H1N1. The CDC emphasized that there is no danger for any child who received this type of vaccine. For more information about this recall Visit the Department’s website at www.fcdph.org.

The Department continues to collaborate with Fresno County Office of Education, healthcare providers, and community stakeholders to develop vaccination strategies for the community.

Doses of **Injectable, Pediatric Injectable and Intranasal H1N1 Vaccine (LAIV)** have arrived in Fresno County. The Fresno County Department of Public Health's Pandemic Flu H1N1 supply will be available at the Department's Flu Vaccination Clinics scheduled at various urban and rural locations throughout the county. Dates, times, and locations for these clinics are available by visiting www.fcdph.org/flu or by call the toll free Influenza Information Line at 1-888-993-3003

Pandemic Flu H1N1 vaccine is now available to all interested persons. Previously, Pandemic Flu H1N1 vaccination had been limited only to priority groups at highest risk for complications of influenza infection or death.

Limited quantities are available with private medical providers in the community. Private and public healthcare providers interested in receiving Pandemic Flu H1N1 vaccine for administration in their offices / facilities are asked to register on www.CalPanFlu.org

California

Status as of December 5, 2009 The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) reports the following **Pandemic Flu H1N1 activity to date**: Hospitalizations 7,546 and Fatalities 397.

CDPH Guidance for School (K-12) Responses to Influenza During the 2009-2010 School Year <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Documents/CDPH-Flu-Guidance-School-K12.pdf>

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For additional information, visit www.flu.gov

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports all influenza activity in the United States from **August 30 to December 5, 2009**, as follows:

- 33,490 laboratory-confirmed influenza associated hospitalizations and 1,445 laboratory-confirmed influenza associated deaths

Fourteen states report widespread flu activity. Over 99% of all subtyped influenza A viruses during the week of **November 29 to December 5, 2009** were 2009 influenza A (H1N1) viruses.

Non-Safety-Related Voluntary Recall of Certain Lots of Sanofi Pasteur H1N1 Pediatric (0.25 mL, for 6-35 month olds) Vaccine in Pre-Filled Syringes Questions & Answers http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/syringes_qa.htm

Caring for Someone Sick at Home <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/homecare/>

In the News: Q & A: Deaths Related to H1N1 & American Indians and Alaskan Natives http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/in_the_news/deaths_american_indians.htm