

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) will distribute the H1N1 Status Update Report weekly. Please forward this update to other H1N1 response and planning partners.

**Surveillance**

***Epidemiological Data:***

Current data shows that the virus is widespread throughout Pennsylvania even though influenza-like illness (ILI) activity has decreased over the past week throughout most areas of the commonwealth.

Among confirmed cases since September 1, 2009, the age and gender breakdown is as follows:

Age Range Most Affected:	Percent of Total Cases:	Gender:	Percent of Total Cases:
0 - 4	7.4%	<i>Male</i>	50%
5 - 9	16.4%	<i>Female</i>	47%
10 - 14	25.6%	<i>Not Specified</i>	3%
15 - 19	14.7%	<b>100%</b>	
20 - 29	16.4%		
30 - 39	6.8%		
40 - 49	6.1%		
50 - 59	4.5%		
60+	2.1%		
	<b>100%</b>		

(Updated October 30, 2009)

**Vaccine/Antivirals**

***Public Health Clinics for H1N1 Vaccine:***

The PA DOH will begin to operate public health clinics this weekend across the commonwealth. Due to the limited supply of vaccine which has been received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), these initial clinics will be for the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) target groups only. The target groups are: pregnant women; children 6 months – 24 years; household contacts of children under 6 months; healthcare workers and emergency services personnel; and persons 25 – 64 years of age with underlying medical conditions.

Individuals who fall within the identified target groups will need to register for an appointment to receive the vaccine. Registration can be completed by visiting [www.H1N1inPA.com](http://www.H1N1inPA.com). Click on the “What’s Hot” link on the right side and complete the online registration form. If you do not have internet access, you may register by contacting 1-877-PA HEALTH (1-877-724-3258). Consent forms must be completed for each individual that has scheduled to be vaccinated. The form is available online, on the same page as the registration link, as well as

in the “H1N1 Vaccine Locations in PA” section. Preparing the consent form in advance will help the clinics more quickly register and vaccinate people. Forms will also be available on-site for completion.

**H1N1 Vaccine for the General Public:**

Once the H1N1 vaccine becomes more plentiful, future clinics will accommodate anyone wishing to get vaccinated. The clinic dates, times, and locations will be made available through the media, on the [www.H1N1inPA.com](http://www.H1N1inPA.com) web site, and by contacting 1-877-PA HEALTH (1-877-724-3258).

**H1N1 Vaccine:**

The following chart shows vaccine flow to Pennsylvania through November 16, 2009:

Vaccine For PA	# of Doses Allocated	# of Projected Doses to be Received	Difference
<b>Overall Total:</b>	<b>1,686,100</b>	<b>2,696,222</b>	<b>(1,010,122)</b>

The following is a breakdown of vaccine allocated thus far (through November 16, 2009)

<u>Provider Category:</u>	<u>Doses Allocated:</u>
Public Health	457,300*
School/University	365,700
Hospital	265,500
Pediatrician	204,900
Primary Care	178,500
Federally Qualified Health Center/Rural Health Center	44,800
Other	13,400
OB/Gyn	11,100
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,541,200**</b>

\* Used to distribute vaccine to those providers ordering less than 100 doses and also for vaccinating individuals with no other resources to receive vaccine and for clinics scheduled 11/20 – 11/22/2009.

\*\*Does not include allocations completed on 11/16/2009 to providers.

**Communications**

**H1N1 Web site:**

The [www.H1N1inPA.com](http://www.H1N1inPA.com) web site is the link to registering for the H1N1 vaccine at the public health clinics. Registration is easy, just choose a day, time, and location and complete the required information.

Additionally, the website is updated frequently, so please visit daily for new information, links and options.

## Community Mitigation

### **Limiting Spread of Germs:**

Community mitigation is crucial in slowing the spread of H1N1 through the fall. Community mitigation generally involves little or no money, but can offer substantial disease reduction. Strategies consist of basic, everyday approaches to limit the spread of germs, which include:



## General Interest

### **CDC Documents:**

The CDC continues to release guidance documents, toolkits, and other important information. Anyone needing printable handout materials, flyers and brochures, please visit [www.H1N1inPA.com](http://www.H1N1inPA.com), link to the “newsroom” or visit [www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/freeresources.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/freeresources.htm).

## Questions and Answers

For answers to these questions and more, please go to [www.H1N1inPA.com](http://www.H1N1inPA.com) and click on “frequently asked questions.”

**Question:** *Can I request a certain type of vaccine when I register for the public clinics?*

**Answer:** Individuals will not be able to request a certain type of H1N1 vaccine when registering. Once at the clinic site, health professionals will review the consent form and based on health history and types of vaccine available at that location, the determination will be made regarding which type of H1N1 vaccine you or your child will receive.

**Question:** *Vaccination is recommended for adults 25 – 64 with high risk conditions. What conditions are considered “high risk”?*

Answer: Underlying conditions include asthma, diabetes, suppressed immune systems, heart disease, kidney disease, neurocognitive and neuromuscular disorders and pregnancy.

**Question:** *What will happen once I get to the clinic location?*

Answer: Once you arrive at the clinic you registered for, several things will happen:

- Please move into line.
- Someone will check the registration list for your name and/or confirmation number, which was given at the time of registration and will mark you as present.
- If you did not bring along a completed consent form, you will be given one to complete.
- A nurse will review your consent form with you, and may ask some follow-up health questions. Your form will be marked with the type of H1N1 vaccine you are to receive.
- When you reach the staff giving vaccinations, they will check your form for completeness and administer the type of vaccine recommended for you to receive.
- Now you are on your way!

*If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to submit those to the following email address: [PADOH\\_H1N1@state.pa.us](mailto:PADOH_H1N1@state.pa.us). Responses will be addressed in this document, as individual responses will not be possible.*

*If you have any specific questions to be answered more quickly, please call 1-877-PA HEALTH (1-877-724-3258).*