

Oklahoma State Department of Health
Weekly Report of H1N1 Response Activities
November 2, 2009 - November 9, 2009

This weekly report summarizes key information on newly released "2009 H1N1 Pandemic" guidance, updated Oklahoma surveillance summaries, and the current response activities of the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH).

Vaccine News

- OSDH will receive over 120,000 doses of the H1N1 vaccine for the following week. Expectations are the vaccine will arrive this Friday in the State.

OSDH Vaccine Response

- OSDH and all County Health Administrators have identified 27 public health clinics that will offer the H1N1 flu vaccination on Saturday, November 7, 2009. Check the OSDH website for clinic locations and times: http://www.ok.gov/health/Disease,_Prevention,_Preparedness/H1N1_Flu_Updates_and_Alerts/Novel_H1N1_Vaccine/
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OSDH Operations

- OSDH mailed out nearly 3000 clinical grade temporal artery thermometers to schools across the state to help identify students with temperatures.
 - If you are aware of a school that did not receive one, please contact the OSDH H1N1 call center.
- Hospital emergency room visits and admits are starting to decline and be more in line with last year's flu season numbers.
 - Since September, Oklahoma has had a higher rate of visits due to flu like illness.
 - It is too early to determine if Oklahoma has reached a peak for influenza illness. Sometimes a few weeks may show a decline but levels may rebound quickly.
- The Tamiflu antiviral suspension delivered to counties a few weeks ago has not been in demand as much as expected. Counties are being encouraged to identify pediatric or family practices that would be willing to store a few bottles to provide to patients without insurance or are underinsured.
 - Hospital Emergency Departments may also be good partners to provide this suspension to for indigent populations.
- Influenza statistics are updated every Thursday at 1000 hrs online at: http://www.ok.gov/health/Disease,_Prevention,_Preparedness/H1N1_Flu_Updates_and_Alerts/OK_Flu_View/index.html

OSDH Public Information

- OSDH's flu update and alert web page is located at: http://www.ok.gov/health/Disease,_Prevention,_Preparedness/H1N1_Flu_Updates_and_Alerts/index.html
- The OSDH H1N1 call center is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with nursing and subject matter experts to answer questions from the general public and vaccine providers at 866-278-7134.