

Oklahoma State Department of Health
Weekly Report of H1N1 Response Activities
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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 considerably less vaccine next week than expected. The CDC has announced that these reductions are a result of manufacturing delays. Next week's shipment to Oklahoma will be around 37,000 doses.

OSDH Vaccine Response

- Due to the low vaccine doses expected for next week, the vaccination strategy will be primarily focused on:
 - Pregnant women
 - School-aged children
 - Parents and custodial parents of children less than 6 months old.
 - Healthcare workers providing direct patient care to acutely ill patients.
- Local County Health Departments will need to review provider registrations and identify any physician offices in their counties that will receive vaccine shipments next week.
- OSDH has developed a strategy to increase vaccination rates among pregnant women but the low amount of available vaccine has made it difficult to implement.
 - As vaccine shipments increase, OSDH will be implementing a plan for "fast-passes" for OB-GYN physicians to give to their patients that will allow pregnant women a quick move to the front of lines at public health clinics.
 - Pregnant women have had the highest complication rates from the flu this season.

OSDH Operations

- Hospital visits continue to increase statewide but medical systems are still reporting that they are capable of handling the current volume.
 - OSDH continues to follow-up with any hospital that identifies signs of stress.
- Tamiflu suspension is available in the counties for patients who cannot afford costs of compounded Tamiflu suspension.
 - The FDA has also posted instructions for parents who receive Tamiflu capsule prescriptions for children that have difficulty swallowing. This information may be found at:
http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu/antivirals/mixing_tamiflu_ga.htm
- 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

- The H1N1 website has been updated to include new pages for Faith-Based Organizations and Medical System Status updates.
- 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 Hotline is receiving over 100 calls per day. Nursing and subject matter experts are available to answer questions from the general public and vaccine providers at 866-278-7134.