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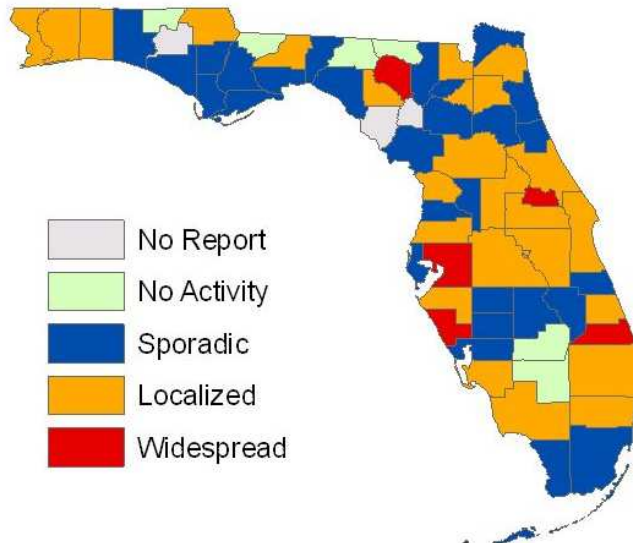
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**Weekly County Influenza Activity
for Week 44 (ending November 7, 2009) as
Reported by 10:00 a.m. November 12, 2009**



As of 11/10/09 Florida cumulatively reported:

- 1054 hospitalizations in persons with lab confirmed H1N1.
- 160 deaths reported with lab confirmed H1N1.
- Overall mortality with influenza or pneumonia is slightly above the expected value for the time of year.

Widespread influenza activity is being reported in five Florida counties. The number of counties reporting widespread activity has stabilized over the past several weeks. There is no evidence that the virus has changed to a more virulent form, either in Florida, the rest of the U.S., or elsewhere in the world.

Updated Swine Flu Deaths: 160

Additional laboratory H1N1 Swine flu deaths have been verified in the following: a 25-year-old male in Calhoun County, a 36-year-old male in Escambia County, a 48-year-old male in Hillsborough County, a 50-year-old male in Hillsborough County, an 11-year-old female in Lee County, a 45-year-old female in Miami-Dade County, a 46-year-old female in Miami-Dade County, a 50-year-old male in Orange County, a 71-year-old male in Palm Beach County, a 45-year-old female in Seminole County and a 70-year-old male in Sumter County.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the family and friends of these individuals," said Surgeon General Dr. Ana Viamonte Ros. "H1N1 Swine Flu, like seasonal flu, can in some circumstances be very serious, therefore, all of us should continue to adhere to good health practices including, stay home if sick, cover cough and sneeze, and wash hands frequently."

The State Surgeon General provided these recommendations:

People with respiratory illness should stay home from work or school to avoid spreading infections, including influenza, to others in the community.

- Avoid close contact with people who are coughing or otherwise appear ill.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Wash hands frequently to lessen the spread of respiratory illness.
- People experiencing cough, fever and fatigue, possibly along with diarrhea and vomiting, should contact their physician

If you think you have influenza, please call your health care provider and discuss whether you need to be seen in their office, emergency department or stay home.

Disease Management

Public Stockpile Antiviral Medications Available	As of 11/6/09, Florida public stockpile includes 1,011,575 courses of antiviral medications in 5 formulations. 172,306 courses have been distributed to the County Health Departments and of those, 8,974 have been dispensed.
Public Stockpile Personal Protective Equipment Available	As of 11/6/09, 2.9 million adult surgical masks, 242,550 pediatric surgical masks, 4.7 million N-95 masks, and 1.6 million gloves are stockpiled.
Public Stockpile Personal Protective Equipment Distributed	As of 11/6/09, 550, 665 total masks have been shipped. Surgical masks shipped primarily to schools.

Communications:

- Florida Flu Information Line 1-877-352-3581
- As of 11/6/09, the Florida Flu Information Line has received 33,128 calls since August 24, 2009.
- As of 11/6/09, we had over 175,830 visitors to the Florida Department of Health H1N1 website at www.myflusafety.com.

Mass Vaccination Campaign:

- Florida H1N1 Vaccination Campaign is voluntary
- FDA approved four manufacturers for H1N1 Vaccine
- With current reduction in vaccine amounts, supply is limited in the numbers and formulation

<p>Vaccine Availability</p>	<p>Florida allocation as of 11/6/09 is 591,700 doses of LAIV. Available doses: 70,300.</p> <p>Florida allocation as of 11/6/09 of injectible multi- dose vials is 1,004,800. Available vials: 194,400.</p> <p>Florida allocation as of 11/6/09of injectible single dose syringes is 512,000. Available single doses: 194,600,</p> <p>Providers began receiving initial orders of vaccine on 10/8/09. Vaccine is being made available to the states as quickly as it is being manufactured. While the vaccine amounts are less than what was anticipated, the state continues to receive steady shipments of vaccine to meet mass vaccination campaign goals.</p>
<p>Public Mass Vaccination Clinics Scheduled</p>	<p>Public clinics are posted at: http://www.myflusafety.com/myfluclinic.htm as dates and locations are established.</p> <p>Some counties are not scheduling H1N1 clinics due to limited vaccine amounts. Current supplies are being distributed identified high-risk groups. High risk groups are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pregnant women People who live with or care for infants age <6 months Healthcare or emergency medical personnel Children and young adults (six months to 24 years) Persons (aged 25-64) with medical conditions that put them at high-risk