

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) will release the H1N1 Status Update every other week. Please continue to forward this update to other H1N1 response and planning partners.

Surveillance

Epidemiological Data:

Pennsylvania is reporting localized influenza activity in the commonwealth. There continues to be very few H1N1 cases in Pennsylvania at this time. An important note is that all of the influenza A viruses that were sub-typed were 2009 influenza A (H1N1) viruses; no seasonal flu virus was isolated.

Age Range Most Affected:	Percent of Total Cases:	Gender:	Percent of Total Cases:
0 - 4	21.3%	Male	50.3%
5 - 9	17.2%	Female	47.4%
10 - 14	17.2%	Not Specified	2.3%
15 - 19	11.5%	100%	
20 - 29	11.6%		
30 - 39	6.8%		
40 - 49	6.5%		
50 - 59	5.2%		
60+	2.7%		
	100%		

(Updated last: January 13, 2010)

Vaccine/Antivirals

Public Health Vaccination Clinics:

The PA DOH is continuing H1N1 vaccination efforts at each of the 60 state health centers across the commonwealth. This Saturday, February 6th from 9 am to noon, will be the last in the series of Saturday walk-in clinics. Over the last three Saturdays, nearly 10,000 people have been vaccinated.

The state health centers will be holding immunization clinics on various days during February for anyone unable to attend previous clinics. For more information or to find a clinic, call 1-877-PA HEALTH (1-877-724-3258).

H1N1 vaccine also continues to be available to the general public through certified providers, and possibly your own doctor.

Communications

H1N1 Web site:

Please visit the www.H1N1inPA.com web site. The web site is updated frequently, so please visit often for new information, links, and options. Many new links or updates are noted on the right hand side, in the “What’s Hot” area.

The PA DOH continues to post updates on Facebook and Twitter and put forward campaigns on television, radio, and outdoor advertising.

General Interest

Canada Planning for H1N1 and Olympics:

Canadian officials are taking the prospect of H1N1 arriving with athletes and spectators to heart and are planning for all scenarios. H1N1 vaccine, as well as a stockpile of Tamiflu for treatment, are already in place. Officials are encouraging athletes and spectators to get vaccinated prior to arriving for the games, as it takes approximately 7 – 10 days for the vaccine to take effect.

Information taken from: <http://www.cnn.com/2010/HEALTH/01/13/olympics.flu.preps/>.

Questions and Answers

For the answer to many H1N1 related questions, please go to www.H1N1inPA.com and click on “Frequently Asked Questions.”

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to submit those to the following email address: 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).