

CDC Current and Recent Key Messages, November 30, 2009

2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Supply

- **2009 H1N1 Vaccine Allocation.** Total available as of Nov. 30 is **66.9** million doses.

Influenza Illness and Disease

- **For the week of November 15-21, 2009, we continue to see gradual declines in influenza activity; however, there is still a lot of influenza everywhere.**
 - The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 4.3% which is above the national baseline of 2.3%. All 10 regions reported ILI above region-specific baseline levels.
 - Thirty-two states reported geographically widespread influenza activity, Puerto Rico and 17 states reported regional influenza activity, the District of Columbia and one state reported local influenza activity, and Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands reported sporadic influenza activity.
 - The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) was above the epidemic threshold for the eighth consecutive week.
- **The timing, spread and severity of influenza viruses is uncertain.** Outbreaks of influenza may occur in different places at different times and in waves of about 6-12 week time periods. These waves of influenza may occur over a year or so after the emergence of a new influenza virus. The first wave is usually a smaller wave; followed by a larger “peak” wave. Subsequent waves can occur as well. The United States experienced its first wave of 2009 H1N1 pandemic activity in the spring of 2009. At this time, we are experiencing a second wave of 2009 H1N1 activity.
- Because the timing and spread of influenza viruses are unpredictable, CDC recommends vaccination with seasonal influenza vaccine and 2009 H1N1 vaccine for those people identified as priority groups for the vaccinations. (See Flu.gov for the recommended priority groups.)

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- Supplies of vaccine continue to increase. The total available today is almost 6 million more doses than was available the day before Thanksgiving (November 25).
- We expect vaccination efforts will increase as we head into December and as supplies continue to increase and reach providers.