

Flu Update

November 9, 2009

Washtenaw County Influenza Surveillance

- ****ALERT**:** H1N1 influenza activity has increased sharply over the past 3 weeks in Washtenaw County.
- **Lab-confirmed cases:** Reports of confirmed influenza cases in Washtenaw residents continue to increase. All cases are H1N1 influenza. 33% of cases and 25% of hospitalizations are in 18 – 24 year olds, while 5 – 17 year olds represent 29% of cases and 14% of hospitalizations.
- **Local Universities:** EMU reported increasing levels of influenza-like illness in students for the week ending November 7. UM also reported high levels of illness.
- **Washtenaw Schools and Childcare Centers:** Rates of respiratory illness are at historic highs. Washtenaw County had its first school closing last week due to illness rates reaching 30%.

Hospitalizations and Deaths in Washtenaw Residents with Confirmed Influenza

Total Hospitalizations*	Hospitalizations Week of 11/1 – 11/7/09	Total Deaths*
39	10	0

*Starting August 30, 2009. Note: no Washtenaw deaths due to H1N1 were reported prior to this date.

More surveillance information:

http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/public_health/ph_flusurveillance.html

H1N1 Vaccine Update

- Public Health will hold another walk-in H1N1 vaccination clinic on Saturday, November 14 from 9am – 2pm at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor.
- Washtenaw County Public Health has expanded vaccine eligibility to the original CDC priority groups:
 - pregnant women,
 - caregivers/contacts of children under 6 months,
 - children and adolescents 6 months through 24 years,
 - adults 25 – 64 years with underlying medical conditions, and
 - EMS and health care workers with direct patient contact
- Over 30,000 doses of H1N1 vaccine have been distributed in Washtenaw County. 42% of doses have been given to hospitals, 32% to community providers, 6% to universities, and 20% have been used by Public Health for mass clinics.

Antiviral Stockpile

- Free antivirals (Tamiflu and Relenza) from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) can be accessed at Washtenaw Meijer pharmacies, Pharmacy Solutions, Reichert and Tower pharmacies. The SNS is for underinsured or uninsured individuals but they do need a prescription. Pharmacies may charge an administrative and/or compounding fee.

For local influenza information: www.ewashtenaw.org/flu