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The following updates were made to CDC information and guidance from **April 20 - April 28**. If you have any questions on these or other clinical issues, please write to us at [coca@cdc.gov](mailto:coca@cdc.gov).

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## Human Swine Influenza Investigation

As new information becomes available, the information and guidance for the Swine Influenza outbreak is being updated frequently and posted on the CDC Swine Influenza (Swine Flu) website: <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>

### Human Swine Influenza Investigation - CDC - April 27

The current U.S. case count is provided.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>

### Travel Warning: Swine Influenza and Severe Cases of Respiratory Illness in Mexico -- Avoid Nonessential Travel to Mexico - CDC - April 28, 10:18 AM ET

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/content/SwineFluMexico.aspx>

### Interim Guidance on Antiviral Recommendations for Patients with Confirmed or Suspected Swine Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infection and Close Contacts - CDC - April 28, 05:00 AM ET

Interim guidance on the use of antiviral agents for treatment and chemoprophylaxis of swine influenza A (H1N1) virus infection. This includes patients with confirmed, probable or suspected swine influenza A (H1N1) virus infection and their close contacts.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/recommendations.htm>

### Interim Guidance on Specimen Collection and Processing for Patients with Suspected Swine Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infection - CDC - April 28, 06:00 AM ET

<http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/specimencollection.htm>

### Swine Flu Case Definitions - CDC - April 28 05:00 AM ET

<http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/recommendations.htm>

**Guidance for Clinicians and Public Health Professionals - CDC - April 28, 06:00 AM ET28**

Clinicians should consider the possibility of swine influenza virus infections in patients presenting with febrile respiratory illness.

<http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/guidance/>

**Interim Guidance for Infection Control for Care of Patients with Confirmed or Suspected Swine Influenza A in a Healthcare Setting - CDC - April 27**

This information is current as of April 27, 07:45 PM ET

[http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/guidelines\\_infection\\_control.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/guidelines_infection_control.htm)

**FDA Authorizes Emergency Use of Influenza Medicines, Diagnostic Test in Response to Swine Flu Outbreak in Humans - FDA - April 27**

<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2009/NEW02002.html/>

**A Current WHO Phase of Pandemic Alert - WHO - April 27**

The current phase of alert in the WHO global pandemic influenza preparedness plan is located at:

[http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian\\_influenza/phase/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/phase/en/index.html)

## COCA Conference Call Today

**Title: Federal Public Health Emergency Law - Implications for State and Local Preparedness and Response****SPEAKERS:**

Susan Sherman, JD, MHS - Office of the General Counsel, HHS

Jennifer Ray, JD, MPH - Office of the General Counsel, HHS

Diane Donley, JD - Office of Chief Counsel, FEMA

Kim Dammers, JD - Assistant U.S. Attorney "on detail to CDC"

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 28, 2009

**TIME:** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

**Call-in Number:** 1-888-283-2960

**Passcode:** 3986978

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/callinfo.asp>

## Emergency Preparedness and Response

**FEMA Toll-Free Number Provides Disaster Help in Many Languages - FEMA - April 21**

If you need information to apply for disaster assistance and you communicate best in a language other than English, you can call FEMA's toll-free number and talk with someone who literally speaks your language.

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=48048>

## Immunizations

**A Video: Get the Picture: Childhood Immunizations - CDC**

After talking with parents across the country, CDC put together this short video to help answer the tough questions that real moms had about childhood immunizations. This video can be used as a resource to open dialogue, address parents' questions about the risks and benefits of vaccination, and help reassure them of the importance of prevention.

Web URL Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v>

Alternate URL: [www.cdc.gov/CDCTV/GetThePicture](http://www.cdc.gov/CDCTV/GetThePicture)

For more information on immunizations:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines>

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/spec-grps/default.htm#childinfants>

The Healthcare Professionals' Portal for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) page was recently reviewed by over 50 healthcare professionals that helped us to completely overhaul its navigation to more accurately reflect the resources and information YOU need to find on CDC's vaccines site. Please use the e-mail link at the bottom of the web page to provide us with YOUR feedback.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp.htm>

## Avian Influenza Research

### FDA Researchers Contribute Insights into Avian Flu Virus - FDA - April 21

An in-depth analysis of blood from patients recovering from the H5N1 avian influenza virus has provided important insights into how to combat the potentially lethal virus.

<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2009/NEW01998.html>

## Travelers' Health

### New Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine - CDC - April 20

On March 30, 2009, the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#) announced that it had approved IXIARO, a new inactivated vaccine to protect against Japanese encephalitis (JE).

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/contentJEVaccine.aspx>

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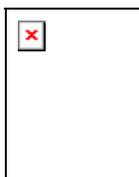
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