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The following updates were made to CDC information and guidance from **Apr 12 - Apr 19, 2010**. 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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## Influenza Key Points and Messages

- Flu activity in the United States declined from last week and is low nationally; however, two states in the Southeast continue to report regional activity. Most flu continues to be due to 2009 H1N1.
- As of April 9, 2010, a total of 121,446,320 doses have been shipped.
- Flu activity, caused by either 2009 H1N1 or seasonal flu viruses, may rise and fall, but is expected to continue for several more weeks.
- CDC estimates that between 42 million and 86 million 2009 H1N1 cases occurred between April 2009 and February 13, 2010. A large number of people in the United States are likely to have antibody or immunity against 2009 H1N1 from vaccination and/or infection with 2009 H1N1.
- CDC continues to encourage people to get vaccinated throughout the flu season. It is important that providers continue to encourage vaccination, especially for those with high risk conditions.
- CDC recommends that health departments, providers and pharmacies retain their unexpired 2009 H1N1 vaccine supplies as a reserve, should demand for vaccination increase before seasonal vaccine becomes available. 2009 H1N1 virus is still circulating and continues to cause illness, hospitalizations, and death.

## H1N1 Influenza Resources and Updates

### **Weekly FluView Map and Surveillance Report - CDC - Apr 16**

Updated CDC FluView for 2009-2010 Influenza Season Week 14 ending April 10, 2010. All data are preliminary and may change as more reports are received.

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>

### **Influenza and Pneumonia-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths from August 30 to April 03, 2010 - CDC - Apr 16**

As of April 16, 2010, the Aggregate Hospitalizations and Deaths Reporting Activity (AHDRA) has concluded for the 2009-2010 flu season. The AHDRA surveillance system was created specifically in response to the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, and the system will be maintained for quick implementation in

the event of another flu pandemic. CDC will continue to track hospitalizations and deaths through its traditional seasonal flu surveillance systems during the 2010-2011 season. Pneumonia and influenza-related deaths in adults and children will be tracked through the 122 Cities Mortality Reporting System. Laboratory confirmed, flu-related deaths in children will continue to be tracked through the Influenza-associated Pediatric Mortality Surveillance system. Laboratory confirmed flu-related hospitalizations in adults and children will be tracked through the Emerging Infections Program (EIP). <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/updates/us/#totalcases>

#### **WHO Updates International H1N1 Situation - WHO – Apr 16**

As of April 11, 2010, more than 214 countries and overseas territories worldwide have reported laboratory confirmed cases of pandemic influenza H1N1 2009, including over 17798 deaths. WHO is actively monitoring the progress of the pandemic through frequent consultations with the WHO Regional Offices and member states and through monitoring of multiple sources of information. [http://www.who.int/csr/don/2010\\_04\\_09/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/csr/don/2010_04_09/en/index.html)

#### **Locate all H1N1 Flu guidance documents**

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/>

#### **2009 H1N1 Influenza: Resources for Clinicians**

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/clinicians/>

## **Emerging Infectious Disease (EID) Journal**

The Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID) journal provides recognition of new and re-emerging infections and understanding of factors involved in disease emergence, prevention, and elimination. It also represents the scientific communications component of CDC's efforts against the threat of emerging infections. See the May 2010 issue of the EID journal at the following link:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/EID/index.htm>

## **Health Promotion & Disease Prevention**

#### **Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) - CDC - Apr 16**

The most recent issue of *MMWR* (Vol. 59 / No. 14) was released April 15, 2010. This issue includes a reports on Congenital Syphilis; Preliminary FoodNet Data on the Incidence of Infection with Pathogens Transmitted Commonly Through Food; Composition of the 2010--11 Influenza Vaccine; QuickStats: Percentage of Women Aged >18 Years Who had a Papanicolaou (Pap) Smear Test During the Preceding 3 Years, by Age Group and Poverty; Notifiable Diseases and Mortality Tables; and more.

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

#### **SAMHSA Grants Available for Communities Affected by Economic Downturn - HHS- Apr 14**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is making \$16.8 million available in funding for up to four years for its Community Resilience and Recovery Initiative (CRRRI) grants. The purpose of this community-based initiative is to improve behavioral health outcomes through coordination and use of evidence based health promotion, illness prevention, and treatment and recovery support services in communities affected by recent economic distress. Applicants for these grants will be expected to implement evidence-based practices and address several of SAMHSA's 10 strategic initiatives including those involving military families, prevention and trauma.

<http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1004144400.aspx>

#### **Introducing the *myhealthfinder* Widget - HHS - Apr 15**

Healthfinder.gov recently launched the *myhealthfinder* widget. This widget provides screening and prevention recommendations from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force based on age, sex, and pregnancy status. The site also features actionable health information and tools presented in an

easy-to-use format.

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/widgets/>

## Food and Drug Safety

### **FDA Launches Medical Device and Radiation-Emitting Product Transparency Web site - FDA - Apr 19**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration launched the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) Transparency Web site today as part of the agency's transparency initiative. The site will provide information about medical device and radiation-emitting product regulatory processes and decisions, and summaries of data that provide the rationale for agency actions.

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm208969.htm>

### **My-A & Co, Recalls Ground Black Pepper Double Golden Fish 3.5oz Jars Due to Salmonella Contamination - FDA - Apr 14**

MY-A & CO. of Cheverly, MD is recalling its 3.5 oz jars of Ground Black Pepper Double Golden Fish because they may be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The product comes in a 3.5oz plastic jar with no product codes on the jars. The recalled products were distributed in retail stores in 11 states, (GA, TX, IL, MD, VA, NC, OH, NY, MA, ME, FL).

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm208587.htm>

### **Asthma and COPD Inhalers That Contain Ozone-depleting CFCs to be Phased Out; Alternative Treatments Available - FDA - Apr 13**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced the phase out schedule for the seven metered-dose inhalers (MDI) used to treat asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) being gradually removed from the U.S. marketplace. These inhalers contain ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), which are propellants that move medication out of the inhaler and into the lungs of patients.

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm208302.htm>

### **Recalls, Market Withdrawals, & Safety Alerts - FDA - Apr 13 - 19**

For additional information on recent FDA recalls, market recalls & safety alerts please click on the following link: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/default.htm>

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