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The following updates were made to CDC information and guidance from **Feb 17 – Feb 22, 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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## Upcoming COCA Call

### Review of Health Advisories and Clinical Care Guidance for Survivors of the Haiti Earthquake

CDC experts will address the clinical evaluation of individuals arriving from Haiti and the mental health issues of Haiti earthquake survivors. Continuing Education Credits will be offered with this call.

**Date:** February 24, 2010 (Wednesday)

**Time:** 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)

**Call- In #:** 800-779-9011

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## Haiti Earthquake

### Meeting Haiti's Health Needs One Month After Quake - WHO – Feb 19

WHO and health partners have revised an appeal to respond to Haiti's health needs to reflect the demand for a wide range of activities needed over the next 12 months. In the revised Flash Appeal, US\$134 million is being sought by the health sector, including US\$53 million by WHO.

<http://www.who.int/hac/crises/hti/en/index.html>

### Updated: Guidance for Relief Workers and Others Traveling to Haiti for Earthquake Response - CDC – Feb 18

This notice is to advise relief workers and other personnel traveling to Haiti to assist with the humanitarian response following the January 12th earthquake near Port-au-Prince. Conditions in the area remain hazardous, including extensive damage to buildings, roads, and other infrastructure.

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/news-announcements/relief-workers-haiti.aspx>

**Earthquake Information for Clinicians**

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/earthquakes/clinicians.asp>

**CDC Travelers' Health: Haiti Earthquake and Travel**

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/haiti-earthquake-travel.aspx>

**CDC Emergency Preparedness and Response Earthquake Information**

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/earthquakes/>

## Influenza Situation Update

**Weekly FluView Map and Surveillance Report - CDC – Feb 18**

During week 6 (February 7 - 13, 2010), influenza activity remained at approximately the same levels as last week in the U.S. One hundred and twenty nine (3.5%) specimens tested by U.S. World Health Organization (WHO) and National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) collaborating laboratories and reported to CDC/Influenza Division were positive for influenza.

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

**Influenza and Pneumonia-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths from August 30 to February 13, 2010 - CDC – Feb 18**

FluView reports that for the week of February 7 - 13, 2010, flu activity in the United States remained about the same level as the previous week. All subtyped influenza A viruses reported to CDC were 2009 influenza A (H1N1) viruses.

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/updates/us/#totalcases>

**WHO Updates International H1N1 Situation - WHO – Feb 19**

As of 14 February 2010, worldwide more than 212 countries and overseas territories or communities have reported laboratory confirmed cases of pandemic influenza H1N1 2009, including at least 15921 deaths.

[http://www.who.int/csr/don/2010\\_02\\_19/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/csr/don/2010_02_19/en/index.html)

## 2009 Influenza Key Points and Messages

- CDC is encouraging anyone who wants to protect themselves against 2009 H1N1 to get vaccinated, including people 65 years and older. Flu seasons are unpredictable in a number of ways, including when they begin, how severe they are, how long they last and which viruses will spread. There were more uncertainties than usual going into this flu season (2009-2010), because of the emergence of the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus (previously called "novel H1N1" or "swine flu"). – **CDC – Feb 19**
- No states reported widespread influenza activity. Three states reported regional influenza activity. They are: Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina. – **CDC – Feb 19**

## 2009 H1N1 Influenza Resources for Clinicians

**MMWR - Outbreak of 2009 Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1) on a Peruvian Navy Ship (June - July 2009) – MMWR/CDC – Feb 19**

On June 25, 2009, a naval cadet reported to the infirmary of a 355-crewman Peruvian Navy ship with a febrile acute respiratory infection (FARI) 5 days after the ship docked in San Francisco, California. Pandemic 2009 influenza A (H1N1) virus was suspected as the cause because it was circulating in the city at that time. The U.S. Naval Medical Research Center Detachment (NMRCDD), in collaboration with the Peruvian Navy, conducted an investigation to describe the outbreak and determine the attack rate for pandemic H1N1 influenza on the ship. This report summarizes the results of that investigation. The full article is available at:



<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5906a3.htm>

### **Vaccines and Medications in Pregnancy Surveillance System (VAMPSS) Study – OTIS (Organization of Teratology Information Specialist) – Feb 19**

CDC is supporting a new program led by the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) that is designed to study the health benefits and risks of medications taken by pregnant women. The Vaccines in Medications Pregnancy Surveillance System (VAMPSS) is a joint effort of government, medical specialists, and leading independent research institutions to study the safety of vaccines during pregnancy and medicines taken during pregnancy. The Organization of Teratology Information Specialists (OTIS) and the Slone Epidemiology Center (SEC) at Boston University are the established research organizations partnering with AAAAI for VAMPSS.

Pregnant women who have received influenza vaccine or influenza antivirals or who are taking asthma medications are encouraged to enroll themselves so they can be followed during their pregnancy and the post-partum period by calling (877) 311-8972. Clinicians can support VAMPSS by referring pregnant patients who can learn about participation in this new effort. For more information on enrolling patients, visit <http://www.otispregnancy.org/vaccines>.

### **New: Q&As - Flu-Related Hospitalizations and Deaths in the United States from April 2009 - January 30, 2010 – CDC – Feb 17**

This Q&A provides updated information about flu-related hospitalizations and deaths in the United States reported to CDC from April 2009 – January 30, 2010.  
[http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/hosp\\_deaths\\_ahdra.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/hosp_deaths_ahdra.htm)

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

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

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

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

## **Travelers' Health**

### **Family Spring Break Travel: Stay Healthy and Safe – CDC – Feb 22**

Ensure the success of your trip—whether you're going to a beach resort, theme park, or ski mountain—by planning a healthy and safe holiday.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/FamilyTravel/>

## **Food and Drug Safety**

### **Recalls, Market Withdrawals, & Safety Alerts - FDA – Feb 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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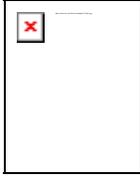
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