



DOUGLAS COUNTY HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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DOUGLAS COUNTY, OREGON FLU ACTIVITY UPDATE 10/23/09 | 4:30 PM

H1N1 Activity

Almost all of the influenza viruses identified since 09/01/09 are pandemic H1N1 influenza. As of today, Douglas County is reporting 12 hospitalizations and 1 death from all types of influenza since 09/01/09. As of 10/20/09, Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) is updating numbers daily until further notice at www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/acd/swineflu_investigation.shtml.

H1N1 Vaccine

Douglas County Health & Social Services (DCHSS) has been informed that the total H1N1 vaccine to be delivered the week of October 26-30 will be 1,000 doses. Selected enrolled H1N1 vaccine providers will receive a small number of doses and will be notified by phone if they have been selected. All Oregon health departments have been requested by DHS to use at least 30% of the county's vaccine allocation to provide public venue clinics to serve the target populations that are not served by an enrolled H1N1 vaccine provider or are uninsured. In response to this request, DCHSS is planning two clinics in November – one clinic in Reedsport and one clinic in Roseburg. Details of the clinics will be advertised at a later date. The enrolled H1N1 vaccine providers have been advised that the allotment of vaccine to be delivered the week of November 2-6 will go to the public venue clinics. Regular shipments to enrolled H1N1 vaccine providers will resume following the public venue clinics. The Veteran's Medical Center, Cow Creek Tribe, State Department of Corrections, Oregon National Guard, Oregon State Hospital, and Oregon Youth Authority receive their own H1N1 vaccine allocations to vaccinate their respective populations.

Seasonal Flu Vaccine

Providers of seasonal flu vaccine have reported receiving no shipment or only partial shipment of seasonal flu vaccine this year. In addition, the CDC reports that there has been an unprecedented uptake of seasonal flu vaccine this year. The good news is that there is still time for vaccination as seasonal flu historically peaks in January-March each year. Manufacturers report that additional supply of seasonal flu vaccine is planned to arrive in October and November.

Schools Absenteeism week of 10/12-10/16

Douglas County Public Health monitors weekly attendance reports from Roseburg Public Schools as one indicator of illness levels. During the period between 10/12 and 10/16, Fir Grove, Melrose, Rose, and Roseburg High School reported absenteeism of 10% to 11%. Phoenix School reported 16% absent. Other Roseburg Schools reported less than 10% absent. Reedsport Elementary reported 17% absent, and Reedsport High reported 22% absent.

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Should I go to the Emergency Room?

According to the CDC, people should only seek care in the emergency room if they are very sick. If you have the emergency warning signs of flu sickness, that's when you should go to the emergency room. If you get sick with flu symptoms and are at high risk of flu complications or you are concerned about your illness, call your health care provider for advice. People who don't have access to healthcare may call the Oregon Flu Hotline to talk with a health information specialist at 1-800-978-3040.

H1N1 & Seasonal Flu Information

Please refer all inquiries to the public information lines and websites:

- **Oregon Flu Website** www.flu.oregon.gov for up-to-date information.
- **Oregon Flu Hotline** (toll-free) 1-800-978-3040 – for information and referral.
- **Oregon SAFENET** 1-800-SAFENET or www.oregonsafenet.org to find out about local flu shot clinics, including local pharmacy clinics.
- **Health Department Website** www.co.douglas.or.us/health for news releases and for links to resources.
- **Health Department Flu Info Line** 440-3500, press 7

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