



# PUBLIC HEALTH CONNECTIONS

## H1N1- WEEKLY EDITION



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### H1N1 INFLUENZA PARTNER CONFERENCE CALL FROM FRIDAY, SEPT. 11, 2009



Beginning this week, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) will provide key points that were shared with local health departments and community partners during the previous week's Friday H1N1 Influenza conference call. We encourage you to participate in the weekly call or playback the recording to keep abreast of new information and updates in policy, guidance and resources.

#### State Health Director's Status Report

*presented by Richard Morrissey, Deputy Director  
Division of Health, KDHE*

- CDC announced at the end of last week that vaccine could be available by the end of Sept. thereby launching the 2009 H1N1 vaccination campaign on or before the middle of Oct.
- The National Institutes of Health reported that in clinical trials with healthy adults, a single dose of H1N1 vaccine is showing effectiveness, and in less than 10 days. This will mean less doses needed per person and make available more vaccine for anyone who seeks to be immunized.
- According to the New England Journal of Medicine two investigational vaccines against pandemic H1N1 influenza appear to be safe and yield the robust immune response with a single dose.
- Targeted populations continue to be health care and emergency medical services personnel, pregnant women, children six months to 24 years of age, people who live with or care for children younger than six months of age, people aged 24 years of age to 64 years of age who have health conditions associated with higher risk medical complications from influenza.

### VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

*presented by Sue Bowden  
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To view the full Vaccination Campaign Report click the Flu Bug U logo to the left.

Local Health Departments are contacting those providers in their county who have completed the H1N1 Provider Pre-Registration through the KDHE website. Local

health departments will determine those providers who would be a resource in administering H1N1 vaccine to the five target groups and focus initial efforts to provider agreement completion with them. As vaccine supplies increase, and demand for vaccine has been met, the recommendations for individuals to be vaccinated will expand and provider enrollment will expand to meet the additional vaccine needs. CDC guidance is for a combination public-private method of vaccine delivery as is used each year for seasonal influenza vaccine. The eventual goal is for people to be able to access H1N1 vaccine from the same sources as their seasonal influenza vaccine once vaccine supplies are sufficient.



To read more about target groups for vaccination click on the Know What to Do About the Flu logo.

Click on the link to view the terms of the KS provider agreement in the attachment [http://kdheks.gov/olrh/H1N1/2009\\_Influenza\\_H1N1\\_MonovalentVaccine.pdf](http://kdheks.gov/olrh/H1N1/2009_Influenza_H1N1_MonovalentVaccine.pdf)

### H1N1 INFLUENZA SEPT. 18 CONFERENCE CALL

Every Friday the KDHE sponsors a "2009 H1N1 Influenza Pandemic, Briefing and Group Discussion" for local health departments and community partners. The call is scheduled for 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. The new conference call number is **(866) 725-4463**, code **30224724**.

Because of the large volume of callers we strongly encourage community partners to meet together for the conference call whenever possible in order to allow the maximum number of listeners through the system.

A recording of the Friday, Sept. 11, H1N1 update conference call is now available. To access the recording and playback by phone, please follow these instructions:

1. Dial (800) 642-1687
2. Enter the conference ID for Friday, Sept. 11, call (29930854)

If you have questions concerning this Friday's call please contact Michael McNulty, Operations Director, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness, KDHE at (785) 291-3065.

#### Resources

[Previous Issues of H1N1 Public Health Connections](#)

[KDHE Website](#)

[CDC Website](#)

[Flu.gov](#)

[Public Health Connections](#)

[KSDE Website](#)

## COMMUNITY MITIGATION

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### Employer/business Letter and Guidance

This past week Jason Eberhart-Phillips, State Health Officer, released a letter directed to employers and businesses regarding their important role in planning and responding to the HINI outbreak. This along with links to CDC guidance for Business and Employers was sent to the Kansas Chamber of Commerce, through KS-HAN and via a press release. The letter and guidance can be found at the KDHE website at [http://www.kdheks.gov/HINI/HINI\\_guidance\\_employers.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/HINI/HINI_guidance_employers.htm)

### Talking Points on Guidance for Child Care and Early Childhood Programs

CDC has released new guidance materials to help reduce the spread of influenza in early childhood programs. Click on the Flu.gov logo to view.



In addition to the actual guidance materials, there is a communication toolkit with information and communication resources for child care and early childhood programs. It also includes a technical report for state and local health officials. The guidance applies to all early childhood programs including: child care centers and preschools, licensed and registered family day care, Head Start programs and other early childhood programs. The new guidance provides steps that should be taken now, as well as additional strategies for health officials and early childhood providers to implement should flu conditions become more



severe later.

Children and early childhood providers with flu-like illness should remain home until they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. CDC does not generally recommend closure of the early childhood program unless flu transmission is high and closure is necessary to reduce the spread of infection or closure is necessary due to high absenteeism. Child care providers are encouraged to work with local and state public health officials to determine when closure is necessary.

It is important to note that KDHE does continue to recommend temporary closure of child care programs operating in a residence when the child care provider or another resident of the home becomes ill. Child care may resume once all sick residents have remained fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications for at least 24 hours.

In addition to the child care resource materials available on the KDHE website (click on the germ stopper logo above) child care licensing and registration program staff are available to provide support and technical assistance to local health departments working with child care providers in their area.

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

### Kansas State Department of Education HINI Website



The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) now sponsors a website for HINI, click on the KSDE logo to view more information. The purpose of this website is to provide Kansas districts and schools information on the HINI virus that is especially relevant to schools. There are also links to other state and federal resources. The contact person for information on the HINI virus for Kansas State Department of Education is Mark Thompson, Project Director, Kansas Coordinated School Health and can be contacted at (785) 296-1473 or e-mail [mthompson@ksde.org](mailto:mthompson@ksde.org).

### HINI and Pregnancy:

#### FAQs brochure now available on the KDHE website

KDHE has developed a brochure titled, "HINI and Pregnancy: FAQs." The brochure is available on the KDHE website. Click on the baby in the blanket to view the English version and the picture of the mother and child for Spanish language .



KDHE is making efforts to reach out to all Kansans with helpful information.



For people who do not speak English or who have limited English skills, we are listing reliable web resources in other languages at [http://www.kdheks.gov/HINI/HINI\\_multilingual.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/HINI/HINI_multilingual.htm)

Contact Mike Heideman, Communications and Training Specialist, at (785) 368-8053 or [mheideman@kdheks.gov](mailto:mheideman@kdheks.gov) with questions regarding the KDHE HINI website.

### School-Located Vaccination Planning Materials and Templates



CDC just released new school-located vaccination planning materials and templates site. Click on the CDC logo to view. These documents were designed to provide information for planning and conducting school-located 2009 HINI influenza vaccination clinics that target school-aged children enrolled in school and potentially other groups in the community.

The targeted audience for these materials is primarily state and local public health department immunization and preparedness staff who are responsible for carrying out 2009 HINI influenza vaccination, but also education officials, school nurses, and others who are interested in planning and carrying out such activities.