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H1N1 INFLUENZA PARTNER CONFERENCE CALL FROM FRIDAY, SEPT. 25, 2009

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) will provide, each week, key points that were shared with local health departments and community partners during the previous week's Friday H1N1 Influenza conference call.

FROM THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER

*presented by Jason Eberhart-Phillips, MD, MPH
Kansas State Health Officer/Director of Health, KDHE*



I stated during the Fri., Sept. 25 conference call that, "the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's goal is that everyone in Kansas who is prioritized to receive the vaccine has an equal chance to obtain the vaccine in their county. We want to use the vaccine supply received to its fullest advantage, and who can benefit from it the most." KDHE will do whatever it can to communicate why certain at-risk-persons are being prioritized over others.

The messaging around the vaccine is very complex and there is a lot of confusion on who is in the priority groups and how to prioritize within those groups. There are many misconceptions and false beliefs.

The KDHE message is that, "we are taking vaccine safety very, very seriously, and all of us in Kansas and in the public health system are going to participate in the post-licensure monitoring of adverse events to insure it is as safe as we can possibly make it."

KDHE will do its best to provide the public health and healthcare workforce information and tools needed to explain to the general public how safe the vaccine is and how carefully the state is monitoring it. Click Dr. Eberhart-Phillips picture to view the full article.

PLANNING UPDATE

Vaccination Campaign

*presented by Sue Bowden, Director Immunization Program
Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention, KDHE*

Vaccine Manufacture & Availability

- The initial vaccine type that will be available for order on Sept. 30 will be Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV). The current projection is three million doses nationwide, with the Kansas allocation expected to be approximately 27,200 doses.
- States were informed of their allocation amounts on the morning of Wed., Sept. 30.

Vaccine Target Groups and Recommendations

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is stressing a balance between public large-scale clinics with private provider delivery of vaccines.

PLANNING UPDATE

- Cost should not be a barrier to accessing vaccine. The vaccine and ancillary supplies are free and significant funding has been provided by the federal government for preparedness and implementation activities.

Vaccine Distribution

- Vaccine delivery from McKesson should be within one week of when state submits an order to CDC.
- If vaccine quantities less than 100 dose increments are needed, the local health departments (lhd) will have to do the distribution during the month of Oct.
- H1N1 vaccination storage and handling guidelines were distributed this week and have been posted on the KDHE Website. Click on the picture to view.
- Ancillary supplies will contain safety needles.



Vaccine Administration

- 1,448 providers have pre-registered on the KDHE Website.
 - ◊ 135 new since last week in approximately 30 counties.
 - 127 providers have submitted approved provider agreements.
 - ◊ 47 health departments
 - ◊ 102 are ship-to sites.
- Updated registration information is distributed to each local health department every Thur. If a health department does not receive a pre-registration update, it was because there were no new registrations during the past week.
- KDHE is finalizing the H1N1 standing order templates for LAIV and inactivated vaccines.
- Training for vaccine administration is being developed for both injectable and nasal vaccine administration. Our goal is a web-based training that is quickly and easily completed. The information will also be available in a printable format so providers can have the information for training vaccinators without having to go to the Website.

Vaccine Documentation

- A vaccine documentation and consent form template has been developed and distributed via the Kansas Health Alert Network (KS-HAN). The template will be available in the Kansas Countermeasure Response Administration (KS-CRA) system and was sent out to provider enrollment contacts in each of the lhds.
- We are still waiting for the post-licensure Vaccine Information Statement to be released.
- The KS-CRA user training for lhd staff began on Wed. of this week and will continue through the middle of next week. The training focuses on inventory management and patient level vaccination data entry.
- Private provider access to KS-CRA will be simple. The only reporting required will be aggregate numbers of doses administered once a week. Just-in-time training will be made available for private providers.

COMMUNITY MITIGATION

Local Health Department and Partners H1N1 Weekly Conference Call

*presented by Brenda Nickel, Child Health consultant
Bureau of Family Health, KDHE*

The technical assistance call with private universities was held on Mon., Sept. 21, with 18 private colleges participating. All but two of the private colleges on the conference call reported working with their local health departments. A joint conference call for technical colleges and community colleges is being scheduled with in the next couple of weeks.

Cyndi Treaster, Director of Farmworker, Immigrant and Refugee Health, presented at the Coordinated School Health Conference Tues., Sept. 22, on pandemic planning and guidance for schools.



Updated interim recommendations for obstetric health care providers related to use of antiviral medications in the treatment and prevention of influenza for the 2009-2010 Season were released on Sept. 17 and can be found by clicking the CDC logo. In addition, on Sept. 18, Dr. Dennis Cooley, President of the Kansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and Chairman of the Kansas Maternal Child Health Council, sent out a letter to Kansas physicians encouraging use



of the H1N1 influenza vaccine when it becomes available and consideration of becoming a vaccine provider by contacting KDHE. Click the image on the left to view registration information.

Upcoming plans for presentations by members of the community mitigation team on pandemic flu include:

- Kansas International Educators meeting, Oct. 5
- Kansas Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, Oct. 10
- Kansas Nursing Home Surveyors, Oct. 12
- Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems stakeholders, Oct. 16



The PowerPoint template available on the KDHE H1N1 Website dated Aug. 31 is being updated to reflect the new vaccine dosing information for target groups. Click the picture to view the PowerPoint.

Two new guidance documents from the Bureau of Child Care Licensing and Registration are available on the KDHE Website:

- **Guidance for Group Residential Programs 9-22-2009 (NEW)**
- **Guidance for Child Placing Agencies 9-22-2009 (NEW)**

Resources

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

[KDHE Website](#) [CDC Website](#) [Flu.gov](#)

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EPIDEMIOLOGY/SURVEILLANCE

*presented by Charlie Hunt, State Epidemiologist and Director
Bureau of Surveillance and Epidemiology, KDHE*

KDHE is requesting that local health departments initiate absenteeism data collection from schools the week of Oct. 5 and begin reporting to KDHE using the attached protocol the week of Oct. 12.



Therefore, the first reports to KDHE are due Tues., Oct. 13. The data collected will be included in KDHE's weekly epidemiology and surveillance status report. Click the epidemiology logo to find a detailed protocol, a sample submission form, and an example of a school absenteeism form that schools in your county may use. If you have any questions please contact Elizabeth Lawlor at elawlor@kdheks.gov or (877) 427-7317.

To read the complete briefing, [click here](#).

PUBLIC INFORMATION

H1N1 Public Service Announcements Now Available on the KDHE Website

Two public service announcements (PSAs) for the "H1N1 – I Bad Bug" educational media campaign are now available for download on the KDHE Website by clicking the H1N1 One Bad Bug logo.



One PSA encourages prevention measures and will begin airing on Oct. 5. The second promotes vaccination and will begin being broadcast later in Oct. Both have been posted to the page in video, audio and text file formats.

In addition, two H1N1 prevention posters are available for download on the page in 8.5 x 11" and 11 x 17" sizes as well as movie screen ad. A link to materials for last year's Flu Bug U campaign is also posted to the page. New materials will be posted to the page in the near future.

Local health staff who have questions about the H1N1 media campaign can contact Maggie Thompson, Director of Communications, at (785) 296-5795 or mthompson@kdheks.gov, or Mike Heideman, Communications and Training Specialist, at (785) 296-4363 or mheideman@kdheks.gov.

Every Fri. 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 **33278139**.

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 Fri., Sept. 25, 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 the Fri., Sept. 25, call of 32256634.

If you have questions concerning this Fri.'s call, please contact Mindee Reece, Director, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness, KDHE at (785) 296-0201.