

H1N1 Community Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2009

Attendance: Dr. McFadden, Gary Mellor, Steve Schwarzwald, Deb Zuercher, Beth Crone, Cindie Norris, Vaughn Anderson

Epidemiology

Influenza Activity in Holmes County

- Influenza activity declined again this week in Holmes County and is returning to normal levels seen this time of the year but is still slightly elevated.
- The EpiCenter average for adult emergency room visits for ILI complaints declined.
- The number of people diagnosed with influenza-like illness (ILI) continued to decrease.
- The number of adult hospitalizations for influenza was 1.
- The number of lab tests being performed decreased.
- The number of absences reported by schools decreased slightly.
- The number of prescriptions of oseltamivir and zanamivir decreased.

Influenza Activity in Ohio (Source: Ohio Department of Health)

- Ohio's influenza activity continues to be **widespread**. This refers to the geographic spread and not the severity of illness.
- Out of the 2,117 specimens tested at the ODH lab during this season, only 2 (0.09%) specimens have been positive for seasonal influenza; one was A (H1) and the other was A (H3). Out of the 2,117 specimens tested, 1,077 (50.9%) have tested positive for 2009 pandemic A (H1N1).
- For the 2009-2010 season, there have been 2,754 influenza-associated hospitalizations and 1,226 were laboratory confirmed 2009 pandemic A (H1N1).
- There have been 7 confirmed influenza-associated pediatric mortality reports for the 2009-2010 season of which 3 had confirmed 2009 pandemic A (H1N1).
- Year-to-date there have been 34 confirmed 2009 pandemic A (H1N1) influenza-related deaths.

Influenza Activity in U.S. (Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

- 32 states reported **widespread** activity (which is a decline of 11 from previous week); 17 states and Puerto Rico had **regional** activity; District of Columbia and 1 state reported **local** activity; and Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands reported **sporadic** activity.
- Influenza activity continued to decrease.
- Thirty-five influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported during the week. These deaths occurred between March 8 and November 21, 2009. The 2009 pandemic A (H1N1) virus infection was associated with 27 of the deaths, 7 were associated with influenza A virus for which the subtype was unknown and 1 was associated with seasonal influenza. Since April 26, 2009, the CDC reports there has been a total of 198 deaths in children associated with the 2009 pandemic A (H1N1).
- Since August 30, there have been 29,348 laboratory-confirmed influenza associated hospitalizations and 1,224 laboratory-confirmed deaths.
- For physician visits reported through the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), 4.3% were due to influenza-like illness compared to the national baseline of 2.3 %.
- Seasonal A(H1N1) and influenza B co-circulated at low levels with 2009 pandemic A

Vaccine

The Health District continues to receive vaccine and currently has 4500 doses. We have transferred over 700 doses to other Health Districts.

Mass Distribution of Meds/SNS

We currently have stored off site 762 courses of Tamiflu 75, 48 courses of Tamiflu 48, 144 courses of Tamiflu 30, 36 courses of Pediatric, and 112 courses of Relenza. Mast Pharmacy in Berlin is reporting 15 courses of Tamiflu 75 and one course of Relenza. Mast Pharmacy in Millersburg is reporting 6 courses of Tamiflu 75 and 2 courses of Relenza. The Health District has one course of Tamiflu 75, one course of Tamiflu 45, and one course of Tamiflu 30.

Triage/Medical Surge**Crisis Communication**

We are continuing to have flu clinics but the turn out has been poor. School based clinics are under consideration but with reservations

Two bill boards will be going up shortly with the message “Spread Holiday Cheer – not the flu”

Community Containment**Other Business**

The next meeting will be December 30th at 1:00 pm