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Public Health

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT H1N1 Situation Report

Report Period: December 24, 2009 to December 30, 2009

The Connecticut Departments of Public Health (DPH) and Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) are working together to provide a weekly CT H1N1 Situation Report. This report provides a brief overview of the H1N1 situation in CT, as well as on the national and international levels.

*NOTE: According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the start of the 2009-10 influenza season began Sunday August 30, 2009. All statistics provided are based on this calendar.*

### I. CONNECTICUT SITUATION SUMMARY

#### Department of Public Health (DPH)

##### **CT Epidemiology/Infectious Disease Section Update:**

- Preliminary influenza data reviewed from the week ending December 26, 2009 reveals that an overall trend of decreasing influenza activity is still being observed in Connecticut as measured by laboratory confirmed test results and some syndromic surveillance system activity.
- However, influenza activity remains elevated in many areas, resulting in a continuation of our national flu activity classification at the “regional” level for this week.
- The 2009 influenza A (H1N1) subtype remains the main flu virus circulating within Connecticut, although an additional number of seasonal influenza type B isolates are being identified.
- Total deaths by county: Fairfield 2, Hartford 9, Litchfield 1, Middlesex 2, New Haven 2, New London 1, Tolland 1, Windham 1, TOTAL: 19

##### **Vaccine distribution update:**

Connecticut has received 1,124,500 doses of the H1N1 vaccine.

**CT Public Health Laboratory Update:** Total H1N1 positive since 8/30/2009: **3,164**

#### Local Update

- EMS statewide has observed a decline in those reporting influenza-like illness over the past several weeks.
- With the abundance of vaccine, some local health departments are considering doing vaccination clinics in the schools after the holidays in preparation of the possibility of a third wave. Chatham Health District has indicated that they are interested in holding school-based H1N1 clinics.

#### Schools

- No schools closed this week.

## **Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS)**

- Current DEMHS activation level — MONITORING (information review and sharing, and outreach mode). H1N1 incident information has been posted for state and local public safety officials on Web EOC.
- DEMHS Regional Offices continue to receive requests from local Emergency Management Directors for CERT and MRC activation approvals to assist flu clinics.

## **Other State Agencies**

- No report.

## **Public Information**

- The DPH H1N1 Hotline is open between the hours of 9 AM – 5 PM, Monday through Friday. The hotline will be closed Friday, December 31 and reopen Monday, January 4, 2010. DPH Call center volume: Total number of calls into the DPH Hotline since inception (Oct 5<sup>th</sup>): 9,324
- 211 Infoline: 129 calls were received by 211 during the week of December 20 to December 26, 2009.
- Current public messaging:
  - Vaccine is now available for all people of Connecticut who would like to be vaccinated.
  - While we continue to see a decline in H1N1 cases, we expect to see cases of H1N1 over the next few weeks.
  - Vaccination is the single, most effective way to protect you from the flu and we encourage people to get vaccinated.
- HHS is recommending “3 Simple Steps to a Healthy New Year,” which including being vaccinated against influenza. This information is posted in its entirety on the CT DPH Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/ctdph](http://www.facebook.com/ctdph)).

## **II. NEW ENGLAND STATES/FEMA REGION A (including NY&NJ) H1N1 UPDATE SUMMARY**

- Although flu activity is decreasing nationally, it remains high in some regions including the northeast with Maine and New Jersey reporting “widespread” activity, and Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont all reporting “regional” activity. Massachusetts and Pennsylvania reported lower “local” flu activity levels for this week.

## **III. NATIONAL H1N1 SITUATION UPDATE SUMMARY**

- The recently released CDC national Weekly Influenza Activity Map reporting on the week ending December 19, 2009 reveals a continuing trend of decreasing influenza activity with only seven states now reporting the highest “widespread” level of activity.
- The greatest decrease continues to be observed among the Great Plains and mountain states such as Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming that are reporting only “sporadic” flu activity, while the state of Nebraska reported no flu activity this week. This area of rapidly decreasing flu activity also appears to be moving east with the additional states of Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin reporting “sporadic” activity.

## **IV. INTERNATIONAL H1N1 UPDATE SUMMARY**

### **The WHO Weekly Update - Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 - update 80**

23 December 2009 -- As of 20 December 2009, worldwide more than 208 countries and overseas territories or communities have reported laboratory confirmed cases of pandemic influenza H1N1 2009, including at least 11516 deaths. For the complete report click on [www.who.int](http://www.who.int).

## V. NON-H1N1 INFORMATION

No report.

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DEMHS Coordinating Council  
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