

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) will release the H1N1 Status Update every other week. Please continue to forward this update to other H1N1 response and planning partners.

## **Surveillance**

### ***Epidemiological Data:***

Pennsylvania is reporting sporadic influenza activity in the commonwealth. There continues to be very few H1N1 cases in Pennsylvania at this time. As of the week ending February 20<sup>th</sup>, four (4) states are reporting no H1N1 activity and 43 states and the District of Columbia are reporting localized or sporadic H1N1 activity.

For more information, please visit [www.H1N1inPA.com](http://www.H1N1inPA.com) and click on "About H1N1" and then "find the latest statistics."

## **Vaccine/Antivirals**

### ***2010-2011 Seasonal Flu Vaccine:***

Both the World Health Organization and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration have recommended that the seasonal flu vaccine for next year contain the H1N1 pandemic strain. Each year, the seasonal flu vaccine is comprised of three different strains to protect against the most common types of influenza viruses seen circulating around the world. For the Northern Hemisphere, this decision is made in February, for the following winter.

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704454304575081700779893416.html?mod=WSJ\\_business\\_IndustryNews\\_DHC](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704454304575081700779893416.html?mod=WSJ_business_IndustryNews_DHC)

### ***H1N1 Vaccination Options:***

The state health centers will continue providing H1N1 immunizations, by appointment, for anyone interested or for children under 10 years of age in need of a second dose. For more information please call 1-877-PA HEALTH (1-877-724-3258).

H1N1 vaccine also continues to be available to the general public through certified providers and many pharmacy chains.

## **Communications**

### ***H1N1 Web Site:***

Please visit the [www.H1N1inPA.com](http://www.H1N1inPA.com) web site. The web site is updated frequently, so please visit often for new information, links, and options. Many new links or updates are noted on the right hand side, in the "What's Hot" area.

## **Questions and Answers**

For the answer to many H1N1 related questions, please go to [www.H1N1inPA.com](http://www.H1N1inPA.com) and click on "Frequently Asked Questions."

*If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to submit those to the following email address: PADOH\_H1N1@state.pa.us. Responses will be addressed in this document, as individual responses will not be possible.*

*If you have any specific questions to be answered more quickly, please call 1-877-PA HEALTH (1-877-724-3258).*