

ODH DOC SITUATION REPORT

Event Type: Public Health Emergency

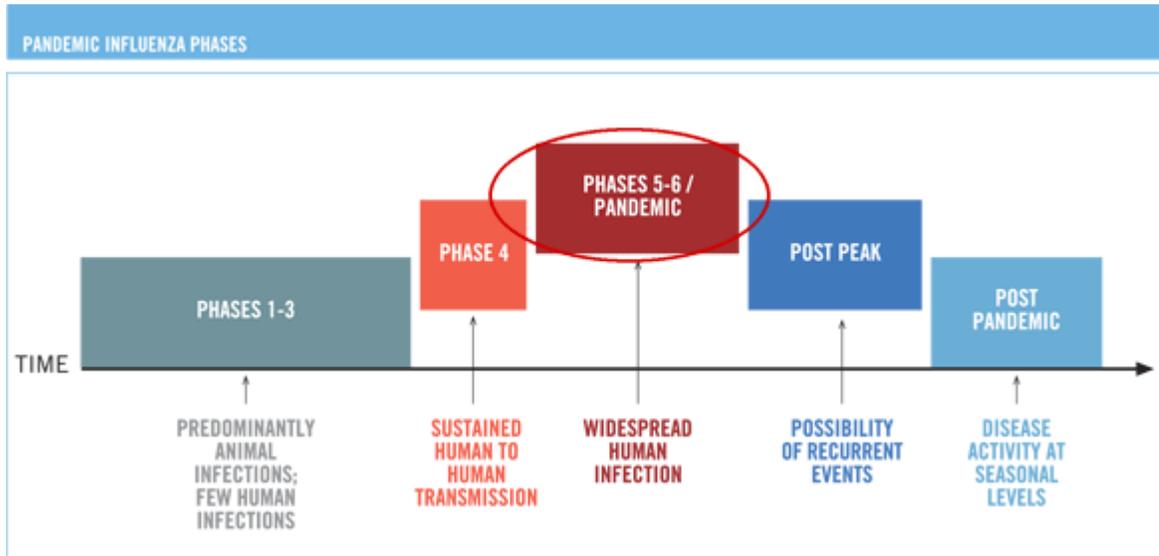
Operational Period: October 8 through October 13 2009

Ohio Public Health Situation

Disaster/Hazard/Disease Type: H1N1
WHO Phase: 6 - Widespread Human Infection
Governor Emergency Proclamation: Yes, on October 7, 2009
State EOC: CAS Level 1
ESF 8 Desk Staffed: NO (on standby) Number: (614) 799-6444
ODH ICS activated: YES IC: Roger Suppes Number: (614) 752-9871
ODH DOC activated: YES POC: Jeff Jones Number: (614) 644-3435
OHIO H1N1 DEATHS: **CONFIRMED (4)**

World Health Organization (WHO):

As of 27 September 2009, worldwide there have been more than 340,000 laboratory confirmed cases of pandemic influenza H1N1 2009 and over 4100 deaths reported to WHO.



Current Status:

- The Ohio Department of Health has activated the ODH Incident Command System (ICS) to manage the fall H1N1 incident. As of October 6th the number of ODH activated staff is 101.
- The ODH H1N1 Flu line received 196 calls on 10/8/09, (1 of which needed Spanish translation), including 13 voicemails (both overnight and during the day), bringing the total number of calls from 1:00 p.m. on 9/23/09 to COB 10/8/09 to 947. The majority of the calls are now about when vaccines will be available and where they can be received.

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Incident Objectives:

1. ODH will coordinate, facilitate and provide for the distribution of all H1N1 vaccines, antivirals, and related materials throughout Ohio as made available.
2. ODH will monitor and report school information, community containment, and epidemiological information to develop plans and guidance for Ohio H1N1 response activities.
3. ODH will maintain the H1N1 call center to provide general information to the public as well as both technical and registration assistance to patients and providers.

Planning Updates:

- The SNS RSS has processed the following region's orders. 100% of the shipments to the Northwest, Northeast, West Central, Northeast Central, Central and Southwest regions have been shipped from the warehouse and have either been delivered or are in route. Southeast Region's materiel will be shipped on Tuesday, October 13th. Additional Pediatric Suspension medicine will be shipped to targeted counties on Tuesday, October 13th.

Interventions - Related to Prevention & Response:

- Currently, personal protective measures include: covering your cough, monitoring for fever if ill, eating properly and getting plenty of rest. There are also isolation practices in place for those in institutions who are ill with influenza like illness (referred to as droplet isolation).
- Investigations are ongoing for clusters, outbreaks and hospitalizations.
- Antivirals are currently being distributed across the state to hospitals and county drop sites for treatment.
- It is anticipated that Vaccines will be received in the next day or two and they will be distributed from the ODH Immunization Warehouse. In the future, vaccines will be direct shipped from the pharmaceutical and healthcare distributor McKesson.
- Currently, no schools or public venues are closed.
- There is an increase in influenza activity in the state; however, there is no medical surge response needed at this time. ODH will work with OHA to provide a web teleconference for hospitals to enroll as providers and assist hospital healthcare workers to enroll for vaccination.

Disease Parameters:

- The Pandemic strain of H1N1 2009 continues to demonstrate symptoms in Individuals much like seasonal influenza. Illness is initially asymptomatic (showing no evidence of disease); progressing to body aches, possible fever, tiredness, and decrease in appetite, upper respiratory symptoms and resolution of illness.
- Some Individuals have progressed to extreme illness. Although this is not common. Individuals are encouraged to see their primary physician if they need treatment or if their illness progresses.

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Expenditures:

- As of October 7, 2009, the new total for procurement is \$57,185.04, and the payroll is \$30,258.36 (this reflects staff's time that have been entered into the MOSS portal on the ICS 252s).

Impact on Individuals:

- Ohio is seeing widespread influenza activity.
- Some individuals who are ill are not requiring prescriptions for antivirals, nor do they require a visit to their physician. There have been deaths associated with influenza like illness and/or pneumonia; thus, Individuals are encouraged to see their primary care physician if symptoms are not resolving with over-the-counter medications.
- Individuals are being advised to not take aspirin for fevers as this can cause other complications with a viral illness such as Reye's syndrome.

Resources:

Additional resources were allotted to support field operations for the SNS program.

Incident Potential:

To be determined

Weather and Effects:

Today, showers and possibly a thunderstorm are expected. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. High near 65. East wind 7 to 10 mph becoming southwest between 15 and 18 mph. Winds could gust as high as 34 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New rainfall amounts between three quarters and one inch possible. The showers and thunderstorm today could impede transportation of antivirals and PPE's.

Safety Message:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in your mouth after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get sick with influenza, see your doctor and CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread the way.
- Additional information is available on the ODH and CDC Web sites at <http://odh.ohio> and <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>.
- The Ohio Department of Health will be providing additional updates as information become available.

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- Employees are encouraged to consider measures that can promote social distancing in the work place such as utilizing conference calls, e-mail communication & video conferencing in place of face to face contact.
- Attempt to refrain from hand shaking, hugging or other physical contact when greeting others.
- Although school closures have not occurred in large scale, parents should consider what arrangements they might make in the event that their child's school closes for an extended period of time.