

H1N1 Novel Influenza MDHFS Update

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Leadership Coordination

- Instituted incident command within Health and Family Support
- Coordinating planning and response with Regulatory Services, Communications, and Human Resources
- Working closely with MDH, Hennepin County public health, and MVNA

Ethical Framework for Allocating Resources in a Pandemic

- Based on work by Minnesota Center for Health Care Ethics and the U of M Center for Bioethics
- Will use as a guide in allocating scarce resources

Vaccination

Seasonal flu

- Community locations
- For employees available beginning 10/13/09

H1N1 flu

- By CDC priority groups
- Projected to be available in October

Vaccination Implementation

- H1N1 vaccine and its supplies are covered by federal dollars, but the cost of dispensing vaccine is not
- No one will be denied due to inability to pay
- Health and Family Support will receive response funding to ensure all have access to the vaccine
- Initial amount of vaccine is unknown

Target Groups for H1N1 Vaccination (part 1)

- Pregnant women
- Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel

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Target Groups for H1N1 vaccination (part 2)

- All people from 6 months through 24 years of age
 - Children from 6 months through 18 years of age *because we have seen many cases of novel H1N1 influenza in children and they are in close contact with each other in school and day care settings, which increases the likelihood of disease spread, and*
 - Young adults 19 through 24 years of age
- Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza.

Vaccination Strategies

- Encourage people to go to regular provider (clinic, nursing home, homecare)
- Working with MVNA to assist with vaccination of first responders and high risk individuals
- School located vaccinations
- Community based sites such as Cub Foods
- Mass immunization at North and South High Schools
- Employer based vaccinations

City Workforce Protection

- Educational materials, including a training DVD
- Infection Control and Safety Guidance
- Personal Protective Equipment and Supplies

Continuity of Operations

- Ensures continuity of critical City functions
- To be approved by City Council in October
- Includes guidance on workforce protection and Human Resources policy

Community Information

- Coordination of nurse lines and consideration of a state hotline for patient triage
- Websites for More Information:
 - MDHFLU.com
 - FLU.gov
 - CDC.gov