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# H1N1 Influenza A Update

New York Statewide School Health Services Center

## Updated Joint Guidance from the New York State Education Department and the New York State Department of Health –

See our website's H1N1 Flu page at: <http://schoolhealthservices.org/h1n1.cfm?subpage=109>

A new document has been posted to our website that contains the latest guidance from NYSED and NYSDOH as related to H1N1 Influenza A. This is the appropriate guidance for the beginning of the 2009 – 2010 school year. As we have stated before, this is an evolving situation and guidance may change over time.

This guidance expands and modifies earlier guidance and contains the following information:

- Key Points and Changes from the May 12, 2009 Update
- Goals
- Background
- Illness Reporting and Monitoring
- Recommended Interventions to Implement Now, Assuming Similar Conditions and Severity as in Spring 2009
- Additional Responses if the Severity of Flu Increases
- Tools for Schools
- Frequently Asked School and Flu-Related Questions and Answers
- Glossary

### ***From the Centers for Disease Control***

#### ***When is it expected that the 2009 H1N1 vaccine will be available?***

The 2009 H1N1 vaccine is expected to be available in the fall. More specific dates cannot be provided at this time as vaccine availability depends on several factors including manufacturing time and time needed to conduct clinical trials

#### ***Can the seasonal vaccine and the 2009 H1N1 vaccine be given at the same time?***

It is anticipated that seasonal flu and 2009 H1N1 vaccines may be administered on the same day. However, we expect the seasonal vaccine to be available earlier than the H1N1 vaccine. The usual seasonal influenza viruses are still expected to cause illness this fall and winter. Individuals are encouraged to get their seasonal flu vaccine as soon as it is available.

#### **H1N1 Influenza A Cases**

*New York State Department of Health – Statewide Data for the Week 8/16/09 – 8/22/09*

<b>Confirmed Cases</b>	<b>Cumulative Case Count</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>1217</b>

*Centers for Disease Control – National Data as of August 27, 2009*

<b>Hospitalized Cases</b>	<b>Deaths</b>
<b>8,843</b>	<b>556</b>

*World Health Organization – Pandemic Alert Level – Phase 6*