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H1N1 Influenza A Update

New York Statewide School Health Services Center

The Centers for Disease Control lists New York as having a "Sporadic" incidence of H1N1 Influenza.

H1N1 Information for Students and Parents

A newly published information sheet with H1N1 Influenza information for Students and Parents can be found on our H1N1 Flu page at:

<http://www.schoolhealthservicesny.com/h1n1.cfm>

Look for the heading: H1N1 Influenza Information for Students and Parents - NYSDOH - September 16, 2009 under "Latest News"

NYS Department of Health H1N1 Updates

The new "flu season" officially started on September 1, 2009. For the 2009-2010 flu season, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has enhanced existing flu monitoring systems and will use a multi-tiered approach to track influenza activity across New York State. The Department will provide weekly updates of these various measures of flu activity to ensure that every New Yorker has access to the latest information. The weekly updates will begin on September 17, 2009. Weekly updates on flu activity will be provided each Thursday and will include:

- Key findings from flu monitoring.
- A regional view of the number of patients with complaints of illness consistent with flu seen in hospital emergency rooms around the state.
- Flu testing results from public health laboratories and other laboratories around the state.
- Information from a select group of doctors and hospitals (called "sentinel providers") who do extra monitoring to help NYSDOH keep track of flu and to give a snapshot of what is going on with flu around the state.
- Estimates of influenza-associated hospitalizations and deaths.

H1N1 Influenza A Cases

New York State Department of Health – Data for this flu season to be released beginning next week

Centers for Disease Control – National Data as of September 5, 2009

Cases Defined by	Hospitalizations	Deaths
Influenza and Pneumonia Syndrome*	1,097	168
Influenza Laboratory-Tests**	263	28
Totals:	1,380	196

World Health Organization – Pandemic Alert Level – Phase 6