

Situation Status Report



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Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Response Summary

- The Alameda County Public Health Department’s (ACPHD) Department Operations Center (DOC) has been partially activated to train and exercise as part of the Statewide Medical Health Exercise.
- The Alameda County Public Health Department’s Immunization and Emergency Preparedness Programs are collaborating to coordinate and include our mass flu vaccination clinics in schools (Shoo the Flu) and build up to our 11/19 Medical Surge Day.
- The Shoo the Flu vaccination clinics are scheduled October 5th – November 6th from which updates will be included.
- There are national delays in delivery of intranasal flu vaccine, which may impact Shoo the Flu and other flu vaccination in other settings.
- Various exercise activities will be conducted in October and November culminating on November 19th with a Medical Surge Day.

Internal Response

- There are approximately 103 healthcare and other partners participating in Statewide Medical Health Functional Exercise, about 72 staff working Shoo the Flu Vaccination Clinics and 31 staff from Public Health and EMS participating in supporting the DOC activation.

Shoo the Flu Vaccination Clinic Updates

- 140 schools will be visited in Oakland and Piedmont.
- 2,492 students have been vaccinated at 22 schools during week Oct. 5-9.
- Thimerosal-free vaccines are also included for those requesting it.

Healthcare Provider Vaccinations Rates

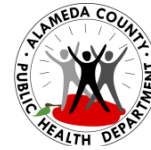
- On October 1, 2012, Alameda County’s Health Officer issued a joint order with Berkeley’s Health Officer mandating that all licensed health care facilities in Alameda County and the City of Berkeley require their health care workers (HCWs) receive an annual influenza vaccination or, if they decline, to wear a mask during the influenza season while working in patient care areas. Facilities with a documented 90 percent or greater HCW influenza vaccination rate are exempt from the masking requirement.
 - Alameda County & City of Berkeley Advisory: http://www.acphd.org/media/274004/flu_vaccinemasking_order.pdf
 - Frequently Asked Questions: http://www.acphd.org/media/274007/influenza_vaxorder_faqs.pdf
- As part of the 2015 Statewide Medical Health Exercise, healthcare licensed facilities participating in the exercise will be asked to report vaccination rates.

Laboratory Report

- Alameda County’s Public Health Laboratory (ACPHL) is a Federal and State Certified Infectious Disease Laboratory.
- The ACPHL has extensive experience with influenza testing:
 - Able to test for influenza by PCR (rapid, highly sensitive, testing); same day turnaround in many instances
 - Capable of *sub-typing the virus*; (distinguishing H5, H7, H1 etc.)
- ACPHD Lab’s test for influenza:
 - Is provided by CDC
- Casts a “wide net”: can detect very wide range of influenza strains (new strains as well)

Information & Guidance

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- **Wednesdays, starting October 14, 2015:** Exercise Participants can expect to receive a weekly Situation Status Report
- **Fridays, Starting October 16, 2015:** Exercise Participants will be requested to report Healthcare Facility Vaccination Rates. An Information Request Form will be sent to participants to fill out.
- **Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 10am:** First SWMHE Operation H5N1 Conference Call
- **Fridays, October 23, 2015 through November 6, 2015:** Resource Requests can be made. Resources will be delivered to your Facility.
- **For the Functional Exercise Schedule please go to:** <http://www.acphd.org/media/405842/functional-exercise-schedule.pdf>