

Situation Status Report



NOTE: NEW INFORMATION IS IN BLUE FONT

Date: October 21, 2015 From: Alameda County Public Health Department Time: 1700hrs Deputy Health Officer: Dr. Erica Pan	Situation: Statewide Medical Health EXERCISE-Operation H5N1 Initial Report: October 14, 2015 Update: October 21, 2015	Report No. 102115_1 Page 1 of 2
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Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Response Summary

- The Alameda County Health Care Service Agency’s (HCSA) 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 flu vaccination in other settings.
- Various exercise activities will be conducted in October & 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

- 1,528 students were vaccinated at 23 schools during the 2nd week: Oct. 12-16
- Total students vaccinated from Oct. 5 to Oct. 16: 4,020 from 45 participating schools.
- The delay in receipt of intra-nasal flu vaccinations has required ongoing updated projections and discussion for potential need to prioritize the intranasal vaccines for the youngest children, but overall vaccine supply is adequate.
- Potential increase of proportion of injectable flu vaccines may change clinic staffing and/or duration.
- Thimerosal-free vaccines will continue to be included for those requesting it.

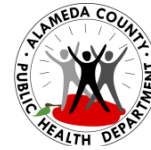
Healthcare Provider Vaccinations Rates

- 2,866 people have been vaccinated at 15 Healthcare Facilities during week Oct. 12-16, including health center staff. Reporting facilities included 3 Hospitals, 1 Long Term Care Facility and 1 Clinic.
- 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. This order remains in effect unless revised or rescinded.
 - 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 are being asked to report employee vaccinations and the DOC is compiling the data countywide from these reports.

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) for flu surveillance, current lab clients, and in outbreak settings or unusual concerning exposures if needed
 - Capable of *sub-typing the virus*; (distinguishing H5, H7, H1 etc.)

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Information & Guidance

- **Wednesdays, starting October 14, 2015:** Exercise Participants received 1st 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 and return.
- **Next Conference Call: Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 10am** (Call In: 1-888-808-6929 Access # 9445482)
- **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>
- **For all other 2015 SWMHE Documents, please go to:** <http://acphd.org/phep/exercises.aspx>