

# Situation Status Report



**NOTE: NEW INFORMATION IS IN BLUE FONT**

<b>Date:</b> November 4, 2015 <b>From:</b> Alameda County Public Health Department <b>Time:</b> 1700hrs <b>Deputy Health Officer:</b> Dr. Erica Pan	<b>Situation:</b> Statewide Medical Health EXERCISE-Operation H5N1 <b>Initial Report:</b> October 14, 2015 <b>Update:</b> November 4, 2015	Report No. 110415_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.
- There are national delays in delivery of intranasal flu vaccine, which has impacted Shoo the Flu and likely 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.
- **One Resource request was received from a local hospital. Delivery to the site was completed on 11/2/15.**

**Shoo the Flu Vaccination Clinic Updates**

- 3719 students from 28 Oakland schools were vaccinated during the week: Oct. 26 – 30.
- Total students vaccinated from Oct. 5 to Oct. 30: **9090 from (at least) 104 participating Oakland schools.**
- 1009 vaccinations were given at 3 Castro Valley Schools between Oct 2-23.
- A message went out to all schools with scheduled vaccine dates 10/28-10/30 that there is an intranasal vaccine shortage and the youngest children will be most likely to get intranasal vaccine.
- The delay in receipt of intra-nasal flu vaccinations continues to require ongoing updated projections and discussion for how 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**

- 5677 people have been vaccinated at 13 Healthcare Facilities during week Oct. 26 - 30, including health center staff. Reporting facilities include 8 Hospitals, 2 long-term care facilities, 2 sites from the City of Berkeley Public Health Department, and the US Coast Guard (Alameda).
- Total number of Healthcare Facilities staff from Oct. 5 to Oct. 30: 9841 from 34 participating facilities.
- 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.
- **On August 28, 2013**, an updated joint advisory was issued indicating the order applies to all facilities regardless of documented health care worker influenza vaccination rate. Facilities with a > 90% vaccination rate are **no longer** exempt from masking.
  - **Advisory:** [http://www.acphd.org/media/324384/acph\\_bph\\_fluvaccine\\_and\\_masking\\_order\\_20130828.pdf](http://www.acphd.org/media/324384/acph_bph_fluvaccine_and_masking_order_20130828.pdf)
  - **FAQ:** [http://www.acphd.org/media/324387/hcw\\_influenza\\_vax\\_order\\_faqs\\_20130828.pdf](http://www.acphd.org/media/324387/hcw_influenza_vax_order_faqs_20130828.pdf)
  - **Health Care Worker Influenza Vaccine Coverage Findings:** [http://www.acphd.org/media/324440/prelim\\_findings\\_hcw\\_flu\\_vax\\_survey20130828.pdf](http://www.acphd.org/media/324440/prelim_findings_hcw_flu_vax_survey20130828.pdf)
- As part of the 2015 Statewide Medical Health Exercise, healthcare licensed facilities participating in the exercise are being

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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.)

## Information & Guidance

- **Wednesdays, starting October 14, 2015:** Exercise Participants will receive 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.
- **Fridays, October 23, 2015 through November 6, 2015:** Resource Requests can be made. Resources will be delivered to your Facility. **Please indicate "This is a drill" in the subject line or directly on the resource request form.**
- **Next Conference Call: Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 11am** (Call In: 1-888-808-6929 Access # 9445482)
- 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://www.acphd.org/phep/exercises.aspx>
- **New Documents posted on our exercise webpage:** Situation Status Reports  
Conference Calls w/ Agenda and Notes  
Vaccination Information Reporting Form