

Situation Status Report



NOTE: NEW INFORMATION IS IN BLUE FONT

Date: November 12, 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: November 12, 2015	Report No. 111215_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.
- **Two Resource Requests were received during week ending Nov. 6; one from a local clinic and one from the US Coast Guard. Delivery to local clinic was completed on 11/9/15.**

Shoo the Flu Vaccination Clinic Updates

- **2179 students from 33 Oakland schools were vaccinated during the week: Nov. 2 - 6**
- **Total students vaccinated from Oct. 5 to Nov. 6: 12,275 from 137 participating Oakland schools.**
- 1009 vaccinations were given at 3 Castro Valley Schools during the week: Oct 2-23.
- **The intranasal vaccine shortage did increase the proportion of injectable vaccines given, but we did not have to revert to injection only or injections for all children above a certain grade and met overall demand for flu vaccine.**
- Thimerosal-free vaccines will continue to be included for those requesting it, but a statewide exemption allowing children < 3 years of age receive vaccine regardless of thimerosal content.

Healthcare Provider Vaccinations Rates

- **7066 people have been vaccinated at 27 Healthcare Facilities during week Nov. 2 - 6, including health center staff. Reporting facilities include 16 Hospitals, 7 clinics, 1 long-term facility, 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 Nov. 6: 20031 from 41 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/acphd_bph_fluvaccine_and_masking_order_20130828.pdf
 - **FAQ:** 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
- 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.

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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

Seasonal Influenza Information

- CA Dept of Public Health confirmed the first flu death in an infant, and the first report of an adult death <65 years of age this season. The influenza-associated infant death occurred in Stanislaus County in a child who was too young to be immunized. CDPH also released the [2014-15 California Influenza Surveillance Report](#) stating that there were 78 influenza-associated deaths reported in persons under age 65 last year. These data underscore the seriousness of influenza disease and the importance of vaccination in all persons age 6 months and older.
- Media interview by KTVU occurred on 11/5th at one elementary school with Dr. Erica Pan about this year's flu vaccine and upcoming flu season.

Exercise Information

- **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.
- **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