



H1N1 Update

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H1N1 Update

- Current Status of Virus
- Status of Vaccine
- Other Planning Activities
- Funding
- ADHS Website Updated
- Public Health COOP Planning Components

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Current Status of Virus

- U.S. (as of 9/21)
 - 10,082 hospitalizations
 - 936 deaths
- Arizona (as of 9/21)
 - 1,684 confirmed cases (as of 5/7, laboratory testing on influenza specimens focused on hospitalized patients)
 - 25 deaths

Status of Vaccine

- 5 manufacturers
- Clinical trials (strain change)
- One central distribution:
McKesson
- ADHS and County Health
Department Role (county and
statewide strategy)
 - Providers and Public Health



Priority Group Recommendations (Broader)

- If have more vaccine, they recommend:
 - Pregnant Women
 - Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than six months of age
 - Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel
 - All people from six months through 24 years of age
 - Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza



Priority Group Recommendations (Narrower)

- If have less vaccine, they recommend:
 - Pregnant Women
 - Healthcare and EMS workers who have direct contact with patients or infectious substances
 - Household contacts of infants less than six months of age
 - Children aged six months through four years
 - Children and adolescents from five through 18 years of age at risk of complications from flu



Priority Groups

Really Organized into Three
Groups

- The Spreaders
- The Medically-Compromised
- Those Who Take Care of
Them



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Other Planning Activities

- ADHS PHIMS
- Community Mitigation
 - Federal and State School Guidance
 - K-12; daycare/childcare; higher education
- State Boards
- Epi & Surveillance
- Laboratory Capacity

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Other Planning Activities



- Communication to providers, clinicians, laboratories, local health departments, tribes, school administrators & others
- EMS and 9-1-1 Call Center Preparedness
- Preparing State Agencies (ADOA)

Funding

- ADHS Public Health Emergency Preparedness Core Funding
 - Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)
 - Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)
- H1N1 Funding
 - To date, four supplemental funding streams (one for HPP; three for Public Health Emergency Response (PHER))

Funding

- HPP H1N1 Supplemental
 - Assist healthcare facilities, PPE, public messaging, alternate care site planning
- PHER H1N1
 - Phase 1: Mass vaccination planning, Epi & surveillance activities, laboratory activities
 - Phase 2: More mass vaccination planning
 - Phase 3: Implementation of mass vaccination

ADHS Website and Other Resources

New ADHS H1N1 Website

<http://www.azdhs.gov/flu/h1n1/index.htm>

Includes info on:

- Our plans
- Provider pre-registration
- Media spots
- Weekly epi updates
- CDC guidance
- ADHS/Arizona-specific guidance

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Ensuring Continuity of Operations During A Pandemic: ADHS COOP

- Overall Agency COOP defines overall operational strategy and incident command structure for managing the pandemic.
- Agency COOP defines the 7 Agency Critical Business Processes (24 hours).
- Each division has a separate Business Continuity Plan that outlines how
- The division BCP's may be activated if one of their essential services are being impacted.



ADHS COOP components and related planning considerations:

- 1) Identify and define critical business processes, applications and hardware**
 - Outline standard operating procedures for critical processes, applications and hardware.
- 2) Prioritize processes based on dependencies between processes, applications and hardware**
 - Consider Maximum Allowable Outage (MAO); the amount of time a process can be out without causing harm to the business or customers.

ADHS Pan Flu COOP Components (cont.)

3) Sustain essential services and functions due to work force reduction, social distancing policies and related issues.

- Family Care Planning
- Establish social distancing policies within the agency
- Explore and document telework options
- Restrict/reduce non-critical travel
- Review and/or establish employee compensation and sick-leave policies unique to a pandemic



ADHS Pan Flu COOP Components (cont)

4) Ensure critical and essential process staffing.

- Update all staff contact information including home address, home phone and email, work phone and email and emergency contact information.
- Identify positions, skills, personnel (teams) for critical and essential processes.
- Identify division/department heads (team leaders) and at least 2 back-up staff with similar skills/authority.
- Explore ideas for tracking employee absenteeism.



ADHS Pan Flu COOP Components (cont)

- 5) **Identify back-up personnel for critical and essential processes and cross-train if necessary.**
- 6) **Assess the ability of your agency/business to transfer authority and responsibility for critical processes from primary to alternate staff.**
 - Establish delegations of authority ahead of time.
 - Establish lines of succession to prepare for absences of those in key leadership positions.

ADHS Pan Flu COOP Components (cont)

- 7) **Examine signed contractor agreements and/or supply chain networks.**
- 8) **Identify adequate alternate work sites and needed equipment and resources for site operation.**
- 9) **Develop a communication plan for managers, employees and contractors.**
 - 1) Disseminate reliable pandemic flu information and HR policies.
 - 2) Educate employees on flu prevention measures in the workplace.



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