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H1N1 (Swine) Flu and Baltimore City Preparedness & Response Efforts



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- Using Incident Command System structure.
- Collaborating between Acute Communicable Disease, Bureau of Immunization, and Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response.
- Conducting increased biosurveillance and outbreak investigations.
- Training and mobilizing staff for H1N1 vaccination efforts.
- Sharing flu vaccine and infection control outreach information with the public.

H1N1 Vaccination

- Focus on vaccination priority groups
- Use of Point of Dispensing (POD) Model to improve throughput at larger clinics
- Organization of clinic staff using ICS
- Opening public clinics
- Conducting school-based vaccination
- Opening standing clinics

Surveillance

- Schools - sick absenteeism
- City agency - sick absenteeism
- 911 calls – chief complaint, mention of H1N1
- 311 calls – related to H1N1, other
- Influenza-like Activity
- ED admissions
- Hospital status

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- o Collaborating for agency preparedness.
- o Convening H1N1 Work Groups.
- o Utilizing 311 Call Center for H1N1 questions.
- o Conducting ongoing communication.
- o Risk communication and updates.
- o Preparing for supply needs, increased surveillance and vaccination.

Community Outreach

- Providing H1N1 guidance and information
- Faith Based Organizations
- Community Organizations
- City agencies
- Businesses
- Schools
- Other

Messaging of What You Can Do to Help

- City-wide Preparedness

- Update your agency Continuity of Operations (COOP) info.
- Promote good health habits.
- Share health official updates with agency personnel/business/community group.

- Personal Preparedness

- Make a plan for yourself and your family.
- Encourage others to plan for flu season.
- Practice and promote good health habits.

Collaboration with ESF-8 Partners

- Public messaging
- Baltimore Health Care Access
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Hospitals

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Information Resources

- Baltimore City Health Department's Website
www.baltimorehealth.org
 - Also Featuring Links to:
 - Maryland Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene
 - Centers for Disease Control
 - World Health Organization
- Call 311 within Baltimore City