

# H1N1 Swine Flu [www.MyFluSafety.com](http://www.MyFluSafety.com)

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Weekly H1N1 Swine Flu Update

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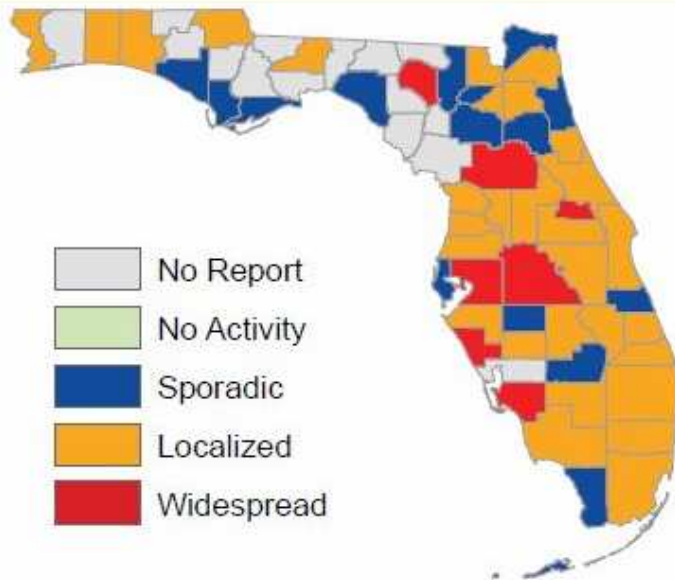
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### Weekly County Influenza Activity for Week 42 (ending October 28, 2009) as Reported by 8:06 a.m. October 28, 2009



As of 10/27/09 Florida cumulatively reported:

- 965 hospitalizations in persons with lab confirmed H1N1.
- 139 deaths reported with lab confirmed H1N1.
- Overall mortality with influenza or pneumonia is slightly above the expected value for the time of year.

Widespread influenza activity is being reported in seven Florida counties. The number of counties reporting widespread activity has been declining over the past several weeks. There is no evidence that the virus has changed to a more virulent form, either in Florida, the rest of the U.S., or elsewhere in the world.

**Updated Swine Flu Deaths: 139**

Additional laboratory H1N1 Swine Flu deaths have been verified in the following: a 38-year-old male in Alachua County, a 63-year-old female in Alachua County, a 26-year-old male in Miami-Dade County, a 36-year-old male in Indian River County, a 27-year-old male in Orange County, a 51-year-old male in Pinellas County, a 57-year-old female in Duval County, and a 13-year-old female in Seminole County.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the family and friends of these individuals," said Surgeon General Dr. Ana Viamonte Ros." H1N1 Swine Flu, like seasonal flu, can in some circumstances be very serious, therefore, all of us should continue to adhere to good health practices including, stay home if sick, cover cough and sneeze, and wash hands frequently."

**The State Surgeon General provided these recommendations:**

People with respiratory illness should stay home from work or school to avoid spreading infections, including influenza, to others in the community.

- Avoid close contact with people who are coughing or otherwise appear ill.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Wash hands frequently to lessen the spread of respiratory illness.
- People experiencing cough, fever and fatigue, possibly along with diarrhea and vomiting, should contact their physician

If you think you have influenza, please call your health care provider and discuss whether you need to be seen in their office, emergency department or stay home.

**Disease Management**

<b>Public Stockpile Antiviral Medications Available</b>	As of 10/23/09, Florida public stockpile includes 997,892 courses of antiviral medications in 5 formulations. 154,110 courses have been distributed to the County Health Departments and of those, 7,689 have been dispensed.
<b>Public Stockpile Personal Protective Equipment Available</b>	As of 10/23/09, 1.9 million adult surgical masks, 169,574 pediatric surgical masks, 1.8 million N-95 masks, and 1.6 million gloves are stockpiled. Approximately 5 million additional N-95 masks are expected from CDC by 10/30/09.
<b>Public Stockpile Personal Protective Equipment Distributed</b>	As of 10/23/09, 479,935 total masks shipped. Surgical masks shipped primarily to schools.

**Communications:**

- Florida Flu Information Line 1-877-352-3581
- As of 10/28/09, the Florida Flu Information Line has received 25,576 calls since August 24, 2009.
- As of 10/28/09, we had over 91,966 visitors to the Florida Department of Health H1N1 website at [www.myflusafety.com](http://www.myflusafety.com).

## Mass Vaccination Campaign:

- Florida H1N1 Vaccination Campaign is voluntary
- FDA approved four manufacturers for H1N1 Vaccine
- With current reduction in vaccine amounts, supply is limited in the numbers and formulation

<b>Vaccine Availability</b>	<p>Florida allocation as of 10/28/09 is 447,300 doses of LAIV.</p> <p>Florida allocation as of 10/28/09 of injectible multi-dose vials is 526,200.</p> <p>Florida allocation as of 10/28/09 of injectible single dose vials is 164,700.</p> <p>Providers began receiving initial orders of vaccine on 10/8/09. Vaccine is being made available to the states as quickly as it is being manufactured. While the vaccine amounts are much less than what was anticipated, the state continues to receive steady shipments of vaccine to meet mass vaccination campaign goals.</p>
<b>Public Mass Vaccination Clinics Scheduled</b>	<p>Public clinics are posted at <a href="http://www.myflusafety.com/myfluclinic.htm">http://www.myflusafety.com/myfluclinic.htm</a> as dates and locations are established.</p> <p>Some counties are not scheduling H1N1 clinics due to limited vaccine amounts. Current supplies are being distributed to identified high-risk groups. High risk groups are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pregnant women</li><li>People who live with or care for infants age &lt;6 months</li><li>Healthcare or emergency medical personnel</li><li>Children and young adults (six months to 24 years)</li><li>Persons (aged 25-64) with medical conditions that put them at high-risk</li></ul>