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STATE OF CONNECTICUT H1N1 Situation Report

Report Period: October 1, 2009 to October 8, 2009

CURRENT SITUATION SUMMARY:

The Connecticut departments of Public Health (DPH) and Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) are working together to provide a weekly CT Situation Report on what the State of Connecticut is doing in preparation and response to a H1N1 influenza pandemic. This report provides a brief overview of the H1N1 situation in CT, as well as on the national and international levels.

*NOTE: For statistical purposes, the State of Connecticut follows the influenza calendar of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This calendar defines the start of the **2009-10 influenza season** as Sunday August 30, 2009. All statistics provided will be based on this calendar. All information from the beginning of the H1N1 outbreak in April through August 29, 2009 will be considered historical.*

I. Connecticut Situation Summary

• Department of Public Health (DPH)

This week, the CT DPH expects to distribute approximately 20,000 doses of live attenuated intranasal H1N1 vaccine to pediatricians, family physicians, community health centers, hospitals and pediatric ambulatory care centers. This first shipment of H1N1 vaccine to Connecticut is targeted at healthy children between the ages of 2 years and 4 years.

Additionally, DPH has contacted health care providers to notify them of the anticipated arrival of injectable H1N1 vaccine, along with storage information recipient handouts, dosage recommendations and ordering forms. More information on the total number of doses and types of vaccine will be provided early next week. So far 23 local health departments and 23 private providers have placed orders for almost 16,000 doses.

On Oct 6, 2009, DPH received Tamiflu Powder for Oral Suspension from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) that will be distributed Tuesday, Oct. 13th to hospitals and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) that serve the pediatric population.

Since the new influenza season started on August 30, 2009, 34 CT residents have tested positive for H1N1 through the DPH Laboratory. H1N1 testing is being conducted on hospitalized patients who show influenza-like symptoms. Of those 44.1% are female, 55.9% are male; ages range from 3 to 55 years (median age 19); 2 patients have been hospitalized for pandemic (H1N1) related illness and no fatal case reported.

- **Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS)**

DEMHS has three established activation levels—monitoring, partial activation and full activation. DEMHS is currently at a monitoring level for H1N1. A key component of the monitoring mode is information review and sharing, and outreach to public safety partners and the community at large.

DEMHS, DPH, and the state Department of Administrative Services (DAS) are working with the Governor's Office to provide accurate, current and consistent information on the H1N1 situation.

DEMHS will post H1N1 incident information on Web EOC. Web EOC is a real time web-based situational awareness tool for communicating with federal, state and local partners. DEMHS uses Web EOC as a tool to communicate particularly with Emergency Management Directors and other officials at the local level. Over 650 individuals have been trained in Web EOC, from 150 towns across the state, as well as state agency representatives. In addition to traditional email messaging, this tool gives DEMHS the opportunity to spread information quickly across the state for a common operational picture.

- **Other State Agencies**

All CT State agencies are working on Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP) to plan for and prepare for and respond to a H1N1 influenza pandemic.

- **Public Information**

The DPH hotline (1-800-830-9426) has received 535 calls since their call center opened Monday, October 5th. The DPH Hotline is accessible Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. 2- 1-1 Infoline now has pre-recorded H1N1 information (how seasonal flu and H1N1 differ, protection against the flu, symptoms, vaccination information, and treatment) as well as access to multilingual call specialists 24/7.

DPH is reporting that approximately 20,000 doses of intranasal vaccine will be arriving in CT next week. The target population for the initial rounds of vaccine is healthy children between the ages of 2-4, caregivers of children less than 6 months old and health care providers and EMS with direct patient care.

II. New England States Situation/FEMA Region 1 Update Summary

The 24/7 Regional Response Coordination Center at FEMA Region 1 is currently at a Watch/Steady State Activation Level. FEMA Region 1 reports in daily to DEMHS and will update DEMHS with H1N1 situational awareness as it becomes available.

III. National Situation Update Summary

National and Regional Update:

The Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) is concerned about communications with the public. There has been increased media interest in H1N1 coverage and public inquiry is surging. Most states do not have vaccination locations posted on their website most likely because states are waiting for sites and vaccination supplies. HHS has added new tools to www.flu.gov in order to alleviate pressure on state and local public health departments.

Each week the CDC publishes a report called the Flu View that can be found on the CDC website www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/.

IV. International H1N1 Update Summary

The World Health Organization (WHO) has reported that the H1N1 influenza virus continues to be the dominant influenza virus in circulation in the world. Since April 2009, the WHO has reported 343,298 laboratory confirmed cases of 2009 H1N1 with at least 4,108 deaths. The laboratory-confirmed cases represent a substantial underestimation of total cases in the world, as many countries focus surveillance and laboratory testing only on people with severe illness.

On September 18, 2009, the United States, together with Australia, Brazil, France, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, announced plans to donate 2009 H1N1 vaccine to the developing world.

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