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**HEALTH ADVISORY #260**

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**HEALTH ADVISORY: UPDATED H1N1 GUIDANCE INFORMATION**

*Please distribute to all staff in the Departments of Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Infectious Disease, Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Infection Control, Pharmacy, Intensive Care Unit, and Laboratory Medicine*

As the Novel H1N1 Influenza (Flu) Virus information continues to change, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) issues guidance information for healthcare providers.

The documents listed below have been issued by the NYSDOH and provide New York State specific information for healthcare providers. At this time, ECDOH supports these recommendations and strongly encourages you to review and implement the strategies detailed within.

1. [Health Advisory: Use of Live Attenuated Intranasal Monovalent H1N1 Influenza Vaccine \(LAIV\) in the 2009-10 H1N1 Influenza Vaccination Program \(09/30/09\)](#)
2. [Health Advisory: Clinical Guidance for Healthcare Providers for the 2009-2010 Influenza Season \(09/18/09\)](#)
3. [Diagnostic and Treatment Center Letter Re: H1N1 Vaccine Registration \(09/17/09\)](#)
4. [Hospital Letter Re: H1N1 Vaccine Registration \(09/17/09\)](#)
5. [Health Advisory: Novel H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Information \(09/17/09\)](#)

The CDC has also issued updated H1N1 Guidance for healthcare providers:

1. Interim Recommendations for Clinical Use of Influenza Diagnostic Tests During the 2009-10 Influenza Season (09/29/09)  
[http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/diagnostic\\_tests.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/diagnostic_tests.htm)
2. Updated Pediatric Antiviral Dosing Syringe and Compounding Information for 2009 H1N1 and Seasonal Flu (09/25/09) <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/HAN/092509.htm>
3. Updated Interim Recommendations for the Use of Antiviral Medications in the Treatment and Prevention of Influenza for the 2009-2010 Season (09/22/09)  
<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/recommendations.htm>

These documents will be available on our website: <http://www.erie.gov/health/h1n1.asp> and we will continue to post the latest information here.

**Health Category Definitions:**

**Health Alert FLASH:** conveys the highest level of importance due to a large-scale, catastrophic public health emergency; warrants immediate action or attention

**Health Alert Priority:** conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention to a health problem or situation

**Health Advisory:** provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action

**Health Update:** provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; no immediate action necessary