



Health & Human Services Department
Public Health Division
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Health Alert May 7, 2009 H1N1 (Swine) Influenza

ACTIONS REQUESTED OF CLINICIANS

Current Situation

- Confirmed and probable cases continue to rise indicating this virus is well established in California and the Bay Area. Local and regional case totals are available at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/>.

Updates

- Please fill out the Health Alert Notification Database form (Attachment A). We would appreciate your information **as soon as possible**.

Guidelines

On Monday, the California Department of Public Health published a Health Alert Update. This document contains information about the increasingly narrow guidelines for testing and treatment. We strongly urge you to read the new guidelines in this document. Interim guidance for follow-up of healthcare workers with unprotected exposure to patients with confirmed/probable or highly suspected H1N1 infection.

This document is located at: <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/ContentDisplay.aspx?id=22672>

- Interim guidance for follow-up of healthcare workers with unprotected exposure to patients with confirmed/probable or highly suspected H1N1 infection.
- Interim guidance for follow-up of patients/co-workers of healthcare workers with confirmed/probable or highly suspected H1N1 infection.
- Healthcare provider prioritization of patient influenza testing.
- Clinician Guidance on antivirals

Specimen Collection and Transport:

- If you do not have NP swabs and you are unable to purchase them, the City of Berkeley has **limited supplies**. Contact Barbara Gregory, PHN at (510) 981-5302.
- If you are unable to arrange delivery with your current service to the Alameda County Public Health Laboratory, you may bring specimens to the City of Berkeley Public Health Clinic, 830 University Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704, Monday – Friday 10 AM to 5PM (closed 12:00 – 1 PM) and Saturday 11 AM- 3 PM.

Since the situation changes rapidly, your best sources for information are:

- CDC website: <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>
- California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/>
- City of Berkeley Public Health Department: <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/publichealth>



Health Alert Notification Database

Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Division

The City of Berkeley Public Health Division periodically sends Health Alerts, Advisories, and Updates to Berkeley health care providers. Health Alerts provide important, timely information on the recognition, diagnosis, management, and reporting of communicable disease threats. Recent Health Alert topics have included H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) and West Nile Virus.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE HEALTH ALERTS

➤ Fax contact information to: (510) 981-5395

OR

➤ Mail contact information to: Health Alert Notification Database Coordinator
City of Berkeley Public Health Division
1947 Center Street, 2nd Floor
Berkeley, CA 94704

OR

➤ Complete our online form at: <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/ContentDisplay.aspx?id=22672>

E-mail completed form to: BerkeleyPublicHealth@cityofberkeley.info

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****PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES****

Note: All contact information provided to City of Berkeley PHD is kept confidential.