

# Novel Influenza A (H1N1)

## Utah Public Health

### Situation Report

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### Status summary as of Thursday, June 11:

Utah:

**\*\*NEW\*\***

- **Starting today, Utah is only reporting hospitalized cases of novel H1N1 influenza.**
- **This is a better measure of the severity of the outbreak.**
- **It permits us to compare the severity of this year's outbreak to seasonal influenza severity in previous years.**

Public health is reporting:

- 90 hospitalized cases of Novel H1N1 Flu
  - That is 38 more hospitalized cases than on 6/8
  - 3 cases are in healthcare workers
  - 7 patients are pregnant
  - 2 cases have died
- Influenza-like illness rates were elevated from June 5-June 8, but preliminary data indicates those rates have dropped back to an expected (normal) level.
- Only 18 of the 90 cases (20%) have occurred in children under 5 or adults over 65 years of age. This is different than typical seasonal influenza where the majority of cases occur in those age groups.
- For the entire 2008-2009 influenza season (including seasonal influenza and novel influenza) we have had 326 influenza-associated hospitalizations reported.
  - Influenza-associated hospitalization counts in the past 4 seasons have ranged from 252 to 511.

Cases have now been identified in all of Utah's local health districts. Not all health districts have had hospitalized cases.

### U.S. and World:

***Note: the WHO numbers were updated on 6/11, CDC on 6/5. Data reported by the WHO does not reflect current U.S. case count. Data reported by CDC does not reflect current Utah case count.***

The World Health Organization (WHO) is reporting the following world situation for Novel H1N1 Flu and the CDC for the U.S.:

- Worldwide 28,774 cases (3,486 more than 6/8)
- United States 13,212 confirmed cases
  - 27 deaths

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- All states (including Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico) are now reporting cases.
- For more information on U.S. cases see: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>
- WHO has posted that 74 countries have now reported cases of novel A H1N1 influenza. We are only listing those outside of the U.S. with the greatest number of cases. For more information on the countries, see [www.who.int](http://www.who.int).
- Mexico                   6,241 confirmed cases       108 deaths
- Canada                   2,446 confirmed cases       4 deaths
- Australia               1,307 confirmed cases       0 deaths
- Chile                    1,694 confirmed cases       2 deaths

### Threat Level **\*\*NEW\*\***:

The WHO raised the pandemic threat to level 6 today (the highest level).

- This change does not change our response at the state level.
- It is an indication of global spread, NOT an indication of severity.
- We still cannot predict the severity of next fall's influenza season.
- This action should trigger drug makers to speed up the production of a vaccine.

### Public Health Advisories:

**Guidance released by the Utah Department of Health can be found at:**  
[www.health.utah.gov/h1n1flu/](http://www.health.utah.gov/h1n1flu/)

- All laboratory-confirmed cases of novel H1N1 influenza are immediately reportable in Utah
- Utah Public Health would like confirmatory laboratory testing to be performed only on hospitalized patients with:
  - Serious, unexplained febrile respiratory illness OR
  - Laboratory diagnosed influenza A

### CDC guidance (new):

- Updated clinician interim guidance on using the 23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine on all people 65 years and older and 2-4 year olds with certain high risk factors can be found at:  
[http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/ppsv\\_h1n1.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/ppsv_h1n1.htm)