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Novel H1N1 Influenza

Novel H1N1 Flu Situation Update - CDC - Jul 02
http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/update.htm

Novel H1N1 Influenza: Resources for Clinicians - CDC
This page is designed to give clinicians access to the latest guidelines and information on the evolving novel H1N1 influenza investigation.
http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/clinicians/

U.S. to Provide Antiviral Medication to Latin America and the Caribbean for Novel H1N1 Influenza
HHS - Jul 02
HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced that the United States will provide 420,000 treatment courses of Tamiflu (Oseltamivir) to the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) to fight the novel H1N1 influenza in Latin America and the Caribbean.

PAHO Recognizes Important US Contribution of Antivirals for Latin America and Caribbean
WHO - Jul 3
The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) recognizes the important contribution from the US Government of 420,000 treatments of Tamiflu antiviral medications in support of fellow Member States in Latin America and the Caribbean in addressing the public health challenges that Influenza A (H1N1) continues to present in the Region.
http://new.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1567&Itemid=1336

Preparedness and Response

The White House Announces H1N1 Flu Preparedness Summit - HHS - Jul 3
The White House announced that Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, Education Secretary Arne Duncan, and Homeland Security Advisor John Brennan will host an all-day H1N1 Flu Preparedness Summit with states to further prepare this nation for the possibility of a more severe outbreak of H1N1 flu. The Summit will be held on July 9, 2009 at the Natcher Conference Center at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.
Cultural Competency Curriculum for Disaster Preparedness and Crisis Response - HHS - Jun 30
The U. S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health (OMH) released on June 30, 2009 its latest cultural competency e-learning program – Cultural Competency Curriculum for Disaster Preparedness and Crisis Response. According to Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, Garth Graham, M.D., M.P.H, "The program trains individuals such as emergency managers, first responders, social workers, and disaster mental health workers in effectively serving culturally and linguistically diverse populations at every phase of the disaster – preparedness, response and recovery". 
https://www.thinkculturalhealth.org/ccdpcr/

SOPHE's EPHE Network Webinar - Emergency Communication and Response with Racial, Ethnic & Minority Communities - SOPHE - Jul 02
This webinar to be held Thursday, July 9, 2009, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (Eastern Time), will address the unique challenges of emergency communications with ethnic and racial communities. In particular the webinar will explore the role of community health centers in emergency communications and preparedness within these communities. Participants will be able to describe the public's awareness of and compliance to government recommendations intended to reduce the spread of the H1N1 virus, and describe sources of information chosen by the public regarding the recent flu outbreak, which sources they found most reliable, and what social media they engaged.

Rabies Vaccine Update

Rabies vaccine supply situation - CDC
Since early 2008, Novartis has been supplying its rabies vaccine, RabAvert, for post-exposure use only. Consequently, Sanofi Pasteur has been supplying nearly all of the market for rabies vaccine. The increase in demand for IMOVAX is outpacing the company's historical levels of supply.

Seasonal Influenza

Seasonal Influenza Weekly Report: Influenza Summary Update - CDC - Jul 02
During week 25 (June 21-27, 2009), influenza activity decreased in the United States, however, there were still higher levels of influenza-like illness than is normal for this time of year.
http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly

Weekly US Map - CDC - Jul 02
http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/usmap.htm

Food Recalls

Multistate Outbreak of E. coli O157:H7 Infections - CDC - Jul 02
For the most recent updated information in response to the the multistate outbreak of E. coli O157:H7 infections please click on the following link below:

Mississippi Firm Recalls Pre-Packaged Meal Products Due To Possible Salmonella Contamination - FSIS - Jul 01
Traditions, a Pearl, Miss., establishment, is recalling an undetermined amount of various boxed pre-packaged meal kits. The boxes contain separate portions of instant nonfat dried milk, which was previously recalled, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced.

Safety Tips

Hot Tips for a Cool Summer - EPA - Jul 07
Doing little things can go a long way to having a cool summer. Below, you'll find some tips to help you and
your family find ways this summer to help reduce pollution and learn about the environment.
http://www.epa.gov/epahome/hi-summer.htm

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