

# H1N1 Swine Flu

## Florida Department of Health and H1N1 Swine Flu

**Current Priorities:** Our current efforts for responding to the H1N1 Swine Flu situation are focused on ensuring:

- Systems and plans are in place to effectively monitor and manage the virus in our state.
- Healthcare providers and partners have current guidance and resources to adequately care for ill persons.
- Communication networks are in place to distribute information and address rumors, and develop accurate and timely information to educate and keep communities, schools, businesses, and visitors safe and informed.
- Public health resources are prepared and ready to mobilize when a mass vaccination campaign for H1N1 Swine Flu is implemented.

**Current Activities:** The department's activities can be categorized in two ways. Agency level activities are focused on making sure effective support and coordination mechanisms are in place for Florida's healthcare system to respond effectively to H1N1 Swine Flu, and serve as the health information resource for other agencies and entities so they are well prepared to address any H1N1 Swine Flu impact. Local activities, led by the county health departments, are focused on enhancing partnerships with healthcare providers and other partners, the ongoing revision of H1N1 Swine Flu response plans, working with community and school partners, and ensuring availability of needed resources.

### *Agency:*

- Ongoing collaboration with federal partners to keep H1N1 Swine Flu management guidance current, address national requirements for monitoring and reporting, and planning for a mass vaccination campaign.
- Maintaining active surveillance and analysis of H1N1 Swine Flu in the state.
- Working with state agencies and partners to clarify roles and responsibilities, and provide appropriate guidance for maintaining continuity of operations during H1N1 Swine Flu outbreaks.
- Working with agencies and entities who serve at-risk populations to develop plans and identify resources for meeting their needs.
- Managing federal funding allocations and procuring needed resources.

### *County Health Departments:*

- Engaging in enhanced healthcare provider and partner communication so they have current H1N1 Swine Flu guidance and recommendations for patient management and timely and accurate disease reporting.
- Actively investigating H1N1 Swine Flu disease outbreaks in communities.
- Working with local school officials to make sure appropriate plans are in place to effectively manage H1N1 Swine Flu in schools.
- Developing plans with community partners for implementing a mass vaccination campaign.
- Determining resources requirements and developing systems to maintain identified needs.
- Ensuring internal plans are in place to maintain continuity of essential services.

### **More Information Is Available**

- The Florida Department of Health's website: [www.myflusafety.com](http://www.myflusafety.com)
- The toll free Florida Flu Information Line, 1-877-352-3581, is available 24/7 for recorded messages, and operators are available 8am to 8pm eastern standard time.
- Your local county health department: [www.floridashealth.com](http://www.floridashealth.com)
- The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention website: [http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/general\\_info.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/general_info.htm)