

H1N1 Update

On March 31, 2010, The Department of Health Services published the following news release urging all Wisconsin residents to get vaccinated against H1N1 pandemic influenza. New cases have been reported in some southern states, which indicate that the lull in new cases here might be temporary.

* The Iowa County Health Dept HAS PLENTY OF H1N1 VACCINE. PLEASE call us at 935-2810 if you still need to receive the vaccine and want to schedule an appointment for it.

State Health Officials Urge Wisconsin Residents to Get H1N1 Vaccine

Vaccine supplies are plentiful in Wisconsin

MADISON—noting that some southern states are reporting an increase in new cases of H1N1 Pandemic influenza, state health officials today urged Wisconsin residents to get completely vaccinated against H1N1 if they have not already done so.

“We should not be complacent. The recent lull in influenza cases in Wisconsin may be temporary,” said Dr. Seth Foldy, State Health Officer. “Many of us have a little extra time during school spring break—we should take advantage of the time by getting ourselves and our families vaccinated.”

The novel H1N1 influenza virus emerged in spring 2009. Foldy said that many children have not yet received their first recommended vaccine, and even more children under age 10 lack the recommended second booster. Many elderly have also not been vaccinated.

Foldy noted that the supply of H1N1 vaccine is plentiful throughout the state. The vaccine is free and is available at doctors’ offices, local health departments and some pharmacies.

“Vaccination is the best protection against getting the flu,” Foldy said. “The H1N1 vaccine is very safe, and it can prevent hospitalization or death.”

There has been no recent increase in the rate of H1N1 influenza cases in Wisconsin, but the virus continues to circulate, causing small numbers of cases.

Call 2-1-1 or visit www.pandemic.wisconsin.gov to see where H1N1 and seasonal vaccinations are being offered.