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| Stakeholder/Target Audience: Provider | Category: Epidemiology Investigation | Subject: H1N1 Swine Flu | Date updated: 8/11/2009 3:00PM |
| Question or Concern: Cases of H1N1 Swine Flu have been confirmed in Charlotte County, Florida | | | |
| Key Message/Fact 1: Cases of H1N1 Swine Flu are now common in Charlotte County. | Key Message/Fact 2: Charlotte County Health Department will continue to monitor and provide guidance to the community. | Key Message/Fact 3: Health care providers in the community are an essential part of decreasing the spread of H1N1 Swine Flu and other communicable diseases. | |
| Supporting Fact 1-1: Cases have been reported in all age groups in Charlotte County. No Charlotte County residents have died because of H1N1 Swine Flu to date. | Supporting Fact 2-1: We will continue to work with the medical providers and provide updates and guidance as they become available from the State Health office and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. Current specimen collection guidelines and antiviral treatment are shown on the link below: http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/ | Supporting Fact 3-1: Health care professionals provide education and guidance to their patients and staff on H1N1 Swine Flu prevention. Encourage good hygiene practices, such as hand washing, covering cough and sneezing into a tissue. | |
| Supporting Fact 1-2: Majority of the cases reported have been mild to moderate in severity. | Supporting Fact 2-2: Surveillance of H1N1 Swine Flu in the community is ongoing. | Supporting Fact 3-2: Health care professionals encourage patients to follow CDC recommendations “that people with influenza-like illness remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100° F [37.8°C]), or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications”. | |
| Supporting Fact 1-3 Cases of H1N1 continue to be reported on a daily basis to the Charlotte County Health Department. | Supporting Fact 2-3 Persons who may have flu-like symptoms are advised to call their health care provider and discuss whether they need to be seen in their office or stay home. For further information, contact the Charlotte County Health Department at (941) 639-1181 Ext. 2255 | Supporting Fact 3-3 Health care professionals to encourage staff and patients to receive seasonal flu vaccine. | |