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# ILLINOIS QUAD CITY AREA H1N1 UPDATE

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY**

**November 25, 2009**

## FLU HOTLINE

### ILLINOIS:

866.848.2094 (English)  
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Remember the 3 C's

Fight the  
 Flu



Cover Your Cough.

Use a tissue or your elbow.



Clean Your Hands.

Use soap and water or hand sanitizer



Contain Germs.

Stay home when sick.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

### Surveillance

Totals for Rock Island County,  
 September 1, 2009 through November  
 20, 2009:

22 H1N1 Confirmed Hospitalized Cases

1 H1N1 death

Influenza activity in Illinois is currently characterized as widespread. There were 241 new hospitalizations and 9 deaths the week of Nov. 20th. The highest rate of illness was in the birth to 4 years of age group.

### Vaccine

Rock Island County Health Department (RICHD) has received 19,210 doses of vaccine both nasal and injectable as of November 20, 2009. Vaccine was obtained from McKesson Corporation and also from Mercer and McDonough County Health Departments. The Mercer and McDonough allotments were doses that the respective counties did not need.

### Mitigation

At this time the vaccine has been distributed only to priority groups designated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This practice will continue until the Illinois Department of Public Health directs that other risk groups be included. The Rock Island County Health Department has conducted 12 public clinics. A total of 5,161 doses has been given at these clinics and to clients in the Infectious Disease and WIC Programs at the Health Department. RICHD has also provided

3,357 doses in eight local school systems. 3,863 doses have been shared with our local community providers. A total of 12,381 doses has been distributed in Rock Island County.

### Community Outreach

At this time, additional clinics have been tentatively scheduled for three local school districts.

RICHD is currently exploring mechanisms to deliver second vaccine doses to the 6 month to 9 year age group.

Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency have begun to air public service announcements regarding flu prevention. These can be viewed at [www.ready.illinois.gov](http://www.ready.illinois.gov).

Please continue to check the local media and our website at [www.richd.org](http://www.richd.org) for the latest updates on the H1N1 flu response.

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# IOWA QUAD CITY AREA H1N1 UPDATE

SCOTT COUNTY

November 25, 2009

## FLU HOTLINE

**IOWA:**  
 800.447.1985  
 (Interpretation Services Available)

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCOTT COUNTY

### H1N1 Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** Should caregivers of all children get the H1N1 vaccine?

**A:** No, not while the supply of vaccine is limited. The CDC has identified children as a priority group to receive the H1N1 vaccine. Vaccination provides children the best protection from becoming ill. Since children less than 6 months old can not get the vaccine it is important that their care givers be vaccinated. This is the best way to protect them against H1N1.

**Q:** If someone has already had the 2009 H1N1 virus, should they still get the H1N1 vaccine?

**A:** Yes. People should get the vaccine if they are in a recommended priority group regardless if they have been diagnosed with the 2009 H1N1 virus or not. It is safe to receive the H1N1 vaccine even if they have been diagnosed with the 2009 H1N1 virus. Although they may have some immunity to the 2009 H1N1 virus, it will not be harmful to receive the vaccine.

**Q:** Should holiday activities be canceled if someone has H1N1 influenza?

**A:** Maybe. The holiday season is a special time of year for many people. It is a time when we gather to enjoy a good meal, a good game, and even some good shopping with family and friends. However, if someone has H1N1 they

may be spreading more than the usual holiday cheer. If someone in your family is sick with flu-like illness, you may not need to cancel your entire event, but is best to keep the sick person home and away from others for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone. Healthy people should do their part too, wash or sanitize hands often and always contain your cough or sneeze with your elbow or tissue.

**Q:** Are special cleaning procedures required to keep the H1N1 virus from spreading?

**A:** No. Influenza viruses can survive on surfaces for up to 8 hours, but routine cleaning methods and products are effective against the virus. It is important to regularly disinfect environmental surfaces that may have been contaminated with droplets from coughs/sneezes to minimize spreading the disease to others. Surfaces must be cleaned first, then disinfected. Always use cleaners and disinfectants as directed on the product label.

We are continuing to receive vaccine for priority populations. No clinics are scheduled at this time. Watch the media and check the Scott County Health Department website, [www.scottcountyiowa.com/health](http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/health) for updates on vaccine availability and information.

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