



New Mexico Influenza Vaccine Consortium

New Mexico Influenza Vaccine Consortium Monthly Meeting

December 9, 2009

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Large Conference Room

5801 Osuna Rd. NE, Suite 200

In Person:

Merrie Blue, New Mexico Medical Review Association (NMMRA)
Sheila Conneen, NMMRA
Anna Dykeman, NMMRA
Richard Howard, NMMRA
Carolyn Johannes, New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH)
Courtney Overton, NMMRA
Anna Pentler, New Mexico Immunization Coalition
Kris Porcher, Lovelace Health Plan
Leeann Roberts, NMDOH
Karen Sakala, New Mexico Primary Care Association

By Phone:

Katie Avery, NMDOH
Jackie Cardona, NMDOH
Jan Ellis, Presbyterian Health Plan
Connie Fiorenzio, Nurse Advice New Mexico
Jessica Gosling, Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center
Sharon Notah-White, Molina Healthcare
Kelli Reynolds, Evercare of New Mexico
Bobbi West, Sierra Vista Hospital

Welcome and Introductions

Sheila Conneen introduced herself and asked all participating members to do so as well.

Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Overview and Vaccine Status

Jackie Cardona gave an update on the VFC program and the status of seasonal influenza availability in the state. All seasonal influenza vaccine doses (3,300) that have been approved and ordered have been shipped, with the exception of a small amount of Fluzone that has been allocated. NMDOH has no more seasonal influenza vaccine in shot form available. There is some VFC FluMist available at ABQ Health Partners and at Presbyterian Medical Group sites. Kris Porcher also noted that Maxim might have some more injectable seasonal influenza vaccine available.

Jackie also reported on H1N1 influenza in the state. The number of cases in New Mexico is continuing to grow. H1N1 influenza vaccine clinics are currently being scheduled by NMDOH on an appointment-only basis; however, the possibility of opening clinics to all groups is being considered if vaccine supplies are sufficient. In response to a question, Jackie noted that if sites become aware of surplus vaccine available in adjacent states, they should coordinate this through NMDOH to assure appropriate inventory control and

maintenance of cold chain requirements by calling the H1N1 Hotline at (505) 827-2456 or 2652.

School Flu Vaccination Project

Anna Pentler reported that the school clinics for seasonal influenza immunizations are nearly completed, with the exception of a few second-dose clinics. The project ordered and administered around 50,000 influenza vaccine doses to children from 145 schools. This is up from last year when 12,000 doses were administered. Reasons for this increase are that more schools were involved and the uptake rate was higher. Surveys will be sent out to the school nurses who participated in the program in the near future.

Surveillance Report

Katie Avery reported on some data from the week ending November 28 and some for the week ending December 5. The state continues to see more flu activity than is usual for this time of year. Influenza like illness (ILI) activity reported from outpatient sites was 4.6 percent for the week ending December 5. The highest reported ILI rate was 18 percent in mid-October. The cumulative number of hospitalizations reported from September 1 through the week of November 28 was approximately 950. Native American hospitalization rates also increased during this period as well as the number of H1N1 confirmed deaths at 43. In general, influenza activity is quieting down. During this reporting period all virologic samples identified by reporting laboratories in the state were H1N1. There have been sporadic reports of seasonal influenza reported since the summer. Seasonal H3 influenza is beginning to appear in the region.

Communications Overview: Materials, Web Updates

Anna Dykeman gave an update on the vaccine database and Web site. The Web site had 7,863 hits in November. The clinics page had 4,950 hits this November year, as compared to 1,578 a year ago. The December numbers are considerably lower as compared to 2008. This December there are 274 hits to the NMIVC Clinics page as compared to 558 a year ago. Currently there is one public clinic listed on the Flu Clinics page in addition the five private clinics. A total of 23 clinics have been reported to date since the beginning of this flu season, as compared to 86 last year.

Nurse Advice New Mexico

Connie Fiorenzio reported that the number of calls coming into the immunization line in November was 601, averaging about 20 calls a day. Most people want to know where they can get H1N1 vaccine. Bernalillo County has established a new telephone number (505) 833-6860, which people can call from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. to get an appointment for the H1N1 influenza clinic at the Albuquerque Convention Center on Saturday, December 12. They have 4,000 doses to dispense.



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Announcements, Wrap-up

Leeann Roberts reported on the collaborative efforts being conducted by NMDOH and Indian Health Service and tribal entities to coordinate vaccine orders, distribution and administration, including immunization of health care workers. She is also working with long-term care facilities to assist them in providing immunizations for health care workers.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the NMIVC is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2010 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.