



# New Mexico Influenza Vaccine Consortium

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## New Mexico Influenza Vaccine Consortium Monthly Meeting

January 13, 2010

10:00 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.

NMMRA Large Conference Room

5801 Osuna Rd. NE, Suite 200

### In Person:

Kristine Adams, GlaxoSmithKline (GSK)  
Merrie Blue, New Mexico Medical Review  
Association (NMMRA)  
Sheila Conneen, NMMRA  
Anna Dykeman, NMMRA  
Carolyn Johannes, New Mexico  
Department of Health (NMDOH)  
Damian King, MedImmune  
J.J. Mitchell, Novartis  
Bob Mraz, Novartis  
Courtney Overton, NMMRA  
Anna Pentler, NM Immunization Coalition  
Karen Sakala, New Mexico Primary Care  
Association (NMPCA)  
Juanita Sanchez, SanofiPasteur

### By Phone:

Sara Campbell, Nor-Lea General Hospital  
Maggi Gallaher, NMDOH  
Connie Fiorenzio, Nurse Advice  
New Mexico  
Janis Gonzales, Children's Medical  
Services  
Pamela Hislop, Molina Healthcare of  
New Mexico  
Vivian Silverman, Lovelace Medical  
Center  
Judith Tallman, Heart Hospital of  
New Mexico  
Bobbi West, Sierra Vista Hospital

### Welcome and Introductions

- Sheila introduced herself and asked all participating members to also introduce themselves.

### Immunization Program, Vaccines for Children (VFC), Adult Vaccine Status Updates

- Dr. Gallaher mentioned that there are some lots of nasal vaccine for H1N1 in the state slated to expire on Friday, January 15. The state is developing a procedure for destroying expired vaccine.
- No more seasonal influenza vaccine doses are expected to ship to New Mexico. Consumers who need seasonal influenza immunizations are being instructed to contact their local public health office or community pharmacy.

### School Flu Vaccination Project

- Activity is winding down for this project. There are a few second-dose clinics scheduled. The next phase is gathering feedback from school nurses and student volunteers involved in the project. Regions 2, 4 and 5 have been holding H1N1 influenza clinics and Albuquerque schools will be starting in the next few weeks. A total of 145 schools have participated in this project, distributing 50,000 vaccines.

- Anna anticipates presenting on New Mexico's school flu vaccine project at one or more national conferences. New Mexico has been proclaimed a shining example for the nation in this area.

## Surveillance Update

- For the week ending January 2, office visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) in New Mexico decreased from 4.8 percent to 3.9 percent. The southeast region experienced an increase in outpatient visits for ILI, while incidence in all other regions decreased.
- As of January 6, there have been 982 hospitalizations related to laboratory-confirmed influenza infection in New Mexico this season. The number of hospitalizations occurring during the week ending January 2 decreased compared to the previous week.
- As of January 11, there have been 51 deaths related to laboratory-confirmed influenza infection in New Mexico this season. No new deaths were reported this week.
- Handouts regarding surveillance have been provided, as Katie Avery was unable to attend the meeting.

## Communications Overview: Materials, Web Updates

- The NMIVC Web site (nmivc.org) had 1,579 hits in December 2009. This is an increase from December 2008. The NMIVC Clinics page had 855 hits in December, which is also an increase from prior year. There was also an increase in the January hits on NMIVC Clinics site.
- A total of 33 organizations have posted their vaccine status for this season.
- There are currently two clinics listed on the Flu Clinics page, and 25 clinics have been reported since the beginning of the influenza season. Of these, five clinics have been H1N1 and 20 have been seasonal influenza clinics.
- Sara Campbell of Nor-Lea General Hospital reported that they have done three open clinics and vaccinated the staff and more than 700 patients. There will be another clinic open to the public on January 19.
- Bobbi West of Sierra Vista Hospital reported that they have held 23 public clinics and vaccinated law enforcement officers and staff in the Truth or Consequences area.

## Nurse Advice New Mexico:

- Connie Fiorenzio reported that the Nurse Advice line is still active but is slowing down. Approximately 70 percent of the calls are related to H1N1. The new NMDOH site listing public health offices is very helpful.

## Announcements, Wrap up

- Providers should order vaccines for next year in February and March.
- The next NMIVC meeting will be February 10 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.