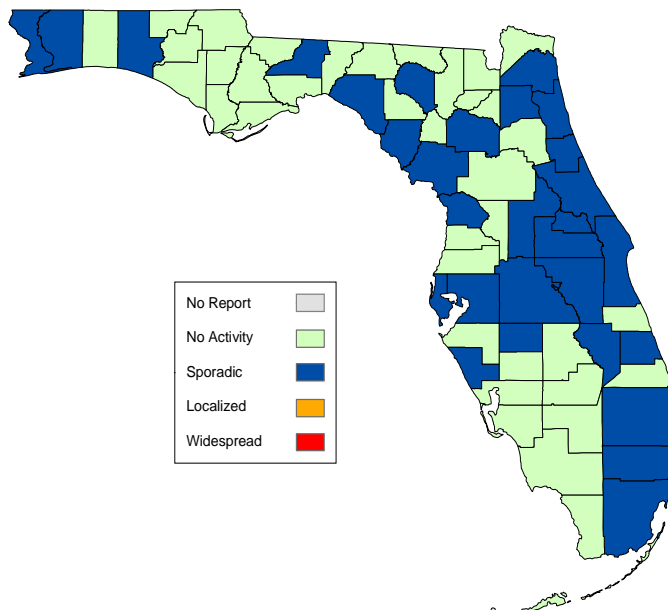


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**Weekly County Influenza Activity for Week 14  
as Reported by 11:00 a.m. April 14, 2010**



As of 4/13/10 Florida cumulatively reported:

- 1,311 hospitalizations in persons with lab confirmed H1N1.
- 224 deaths reported with lab confirmed H1N1.
- Influenza activity is similar to previous influenza seasons at this time.

**Weekly state influenza activity: Sporadic**

Florida is currently reporting Sporadic influenza activity statewide, due to the continuing low levels of influenza reflected in many of our surveillance systems. We are closely monitoring recent increases in hospitalizations and deaths, and the elevation of percent ILI at ESSENCE emergency departments. Florida is now past the time of year when normal flu seasons begin to decline, and although flu continues to circulate there was not a traditional winter peak in influenza activity.

**Updated Swine Flu Deaths: 224**

Laboratory confirmed H1N1 deaths have been verified in the following: a 22-year-old male in Broward County, a 53-year-old male in Escambia County, a 58-year-old female in Escambia County, a 65-year-old male in Hillsborough County and a 33-year-old male in Volusia County.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the family and friends of these individuals," said Surgeon General Dr. Ana Viamonte Ros. "H1N1 Swine Flu, like seasonal flu, can in some circumstances be very serious, therefore, all of us should continue to adhere to good health practices including, stay home if sick, cover cough and sneeze, and wash hands frequently."

**The State Surgeon General provided these recommendations:**

People with respiratory illness should stay home from work or school to avoid spreading infections, including influenza, to others in the community.

- Avoid close contact with people who are coughing or otherwise appear ill.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Wash hands frequently to lessen the spread of respiratory illness.
- People experiencing cough, fever and fatigue, possibly along with diarrhea and vomiting, should contact their physician

If you think you have influenza, please call your health care provider and discuss whether you need to be seen in their office, emergency department or stay home.

**Disease Management:**

<b>Public Stockpile Antiviral Medications Available</b>	As of 4/14/10, Florida public stockpile includes 1,005,706 courses of antiviral medications in 5 formulations. 172,672 courses have been distributed to the County Health Departments and of those, 14,443 have been dispensed.
<b>Public Stockpile Personal Protective Equipment Available</b>	As of 4/14/10, 2.9 million adult surgical masks, 276,900 pediatric surgical masks, 4.7 million N-95 masks, and 1.6 million gloves are stockpiled.
<b>Public Stockpile Personal Protective Equipment Distributed</b>	As of 4/14/10, 678,865 total masks have been shipped. Surgical masks shipped primarily to schools.

## Communications:

- Florida Flu Information Line 1-877-352-3581.
- As of 4/4/10, the Florida Flu Information Line has received 53,577 calls since August 24, 2009.
- As of 3/28/10, we had over 222,545 visitors to the Florida Department of Health H1N1 website at [www.myflusafety.com](http://www.myflusafety.com).

## Mass Vaccination Campaign:

- Florida H1N1 Vaccination Campaign is voluntary.
- FDA approved four manufacturers for H1N1 vaccine.
- With current reduction in vaccine amounts, supply is limited in the numbers and formulation.

<b>Vaccine Availability</b>	Florida allocation as of 4/12/10 is 887,600 doses of LAIV.  Florida allocation as of 4/12/10 of injectible multi-dose vials is 4,813,200.  Florida allocation as of 4/12/10 of injectible single dose syringes is 1,217,200.
<b>Public Mass Vaccination Clinics Scheduled</b>	Public clinics are posted at <a href="http://www.myflusafety.com/myfluclinic.htm">http://www.myflusafety.com/myfluclinic.htm</a> as dates and locations are established.