



2009 H1N1 Influenza
“Message of the Day”
Wisconsin Division of Public Health

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Today’s Message



H1N1 Activity Eases in Wisconsin, But Remains High

- Wisconsin has seen a modest decrease in H1N1 flu activity across the state, matching the trend in other states.
 - Georgia was one of the first states to experience the “fall outbreak.” The state was seeing H1N1 cases in August – more than a month before Wisconsin saw flu activity escalate.
- While flu activity may be declining in Wisconsin, the H1N1 virus is not going away. Flu activity is still much higher than normal for this time of year.
 - Georgia also hit its peak flu activity more than a month ago, but they are still reporting “widespread flu activity.”
- It is also important to understand that Wisconsin will also likely experience successive waves of peak H1N1 activity.
- Public vaccination clinics will be essential as we target those most at risk of serious health complications.
 - They will also be essential when we return to vaccinating school aged children and eventually the general public.
- Three weeks ago, there was very little vaccine available to anyone.
 - Today there are public vaccination clinics scheduled across the state and thousands of at-risk patients can also find the vaccine at their doctors office.
 - That is a very positive development.

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