

WHAT'S NEW FOR INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE: 2011-2012

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Vaccine for 2011-2012

- No changes to current vaccine strains
 - ▣ A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)-like
 - ▣ A/Perth/16/2009 (H3N2)-like
 - ▣ B/Brisbane/60/2008-like (B/Victoria lineage)

- Fluzone high-dose
 - ▣ High-dose vaccine for 65+ years
 - ▣ 4 times the antigen of a regular flu shot
 - ▣ Study in progress to determine if high-dose vaccine provides greater protection

http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/qa_fluzone.htm

Laboratory

- Continue funding packaging and shipping related to flu surveillance ??
- Same VTM ordering process
 - ▣ Email flutexas@dshs.state.tx.us
- No changes in laboratory procedures at this time

Reporting

- Surveillance continues throughout the summer
 - “Scaled back”
- Influenza reportable by law
 - Novel influenza A cases in humans
 - Influenza-associated pediatric mortality
 - Outbreaks – LTCFs, jails, schools, camps, hospitals, etc.
- Voluntary influenza reporting
 - Pregnant/postpartum deaths
 - Discontinue May 22, 2011

Influenza Incidence Surveillance Project (IISP)

- Influenza and ILI surveillance
 - ▣ Outpatient illness by age group
 - ▣ Laboratory testing for multiple pathogens
- Providers contribute weekly reports and specimens
- Currently in 8 states
- Funded by CSTE

Additional

- Conference call TBA – summer 2011
- Sign up for flu report notifications:
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/influenza/surveillance/2011/>
- Handbook updates
- Flu mailbox: flutexas@dshs.state.tx.us

