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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-88-09

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES (CWS) PROGRAM MANAGERS  
ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY CHILD CARE COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: 2009 INFLUENZA (FLU) PANDEMIC RESOURCE INFORMATION

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

The purpose of this All County Information Notice (ACIN) is to provide resource information on the 2009 H1N1 flu virus pandemic, also referred to as "pandemic influenza," "novel influenza A (H1N1) virus," or "swine flu."

In response to the global spread of the H1N1 flu, the World Health Organization (WHO), on June 11, 2009, declared a global pandemic. The WHO declaration reflects the spread of the virus, not the severity of illness caused by the virus, but the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) reports that as of December 5, 2009, a total of 7,546 hospitalizations, intensive care unit cases, and deaths have been attributed to H1N1 in California, with 397 deaths with H1N1 indicated as the primary cause.

To underscore the significance of this pandemic, on October 23, 2009, President Obama signed a National Emergency Declaration (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/president-obama-signs-emergency-declaration-h1n1-flu-0>).

The following are important examples of relevant information for organizations, agencies, and the public.

- The CDPH provides three resources for public health information specific to California. CDPH offers an H1N1 Flu Hotline at 1-888-865-0564 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily for anyone who has questions on H1N1. CDPH's <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Pages/Default.aspx> website includes audio recordings from doctors, videos and printed materials for businesses, schools, health professionals, pregnant women and travelers. Much of the information is available in both English and Spanish. This website includes an H1N1 flu home page link that provides more information and resources, including a link to CDC, data and statistics, vaccine information, vaccination locations, local health department contacts, and tools

including printable posters, flyers, and brochures that can be used to inform the public on H1N1. In addition, the CDPH's BePreparedCalifornia website at <http://bepreparedcalifornia.ca.gov/epo/> provides information on California's latest Interim Guidance on Distribution of State and Federal Stockpiles of N95 Respirators for H1N1 (2009) Pandemic.

- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website (<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>) has current H1N1 epidemiological information and guidance to the public, health care providers and public health officials.
- The American Academy of Pediatrics website (<http://www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/swineflu.htm>) provides a list of frequently asked questions on H1N1 with detailed responses appropriate for the general public.
- The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) website provides a list of local H1N1 contacts at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Pages/H1N1LHJinfo.aspx> and a link to information about the Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) at <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/HCPCFC/Pages/ProgramOverview.aspx>. The HCPCFC provides public health nurse expertise in meeting the medical, dental, mental, and developmental needs of children and youth in foster care and represents an important resource for this population during the current H1N1 pandemic. County HCPCFC websites are listed at <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/HCPCFC/Documents/HCPCFCDirectory.pdf>.
- For guidance regarding community care facilities, please refer to the California Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division website at <http://www.cclid.ca.gov/res/pdf/H1N1tips.pdf>.
- The California Department of Education website (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/LS/he/hn/h1n1flu.asp>) provides H1N1 information for the education community and links to resources for schools, preschools and day care centers.

For additional resource information, please contact your county public health department and the organizations and agencies listed above.

Sincerely

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