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DHEC Health Update

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Seasonal Influenza Surveillance

This update is to provide healthcare professionals with the latest information regarding:

- o Seasonal influenza
- o State-mandated influenza conditions to be reported by healthcare providers
- o Resource Links
- o Attachments: Positive Rapid Influenza Worksheet & local health department contact information.

Seasonal Influenza

- **Regular seasonal influenza activity continues in the United States**
- **Seasonal influenza A H1, A H3 and type B viruses are still circulating and causing illness in addition to the novel influenza A H1N1 virus**

Overview of SC State Mandated Influenza Reporting

State-mandated influenza-related reportable conditions are 1) positive influenza cultures, 2) positive rapid antigen tests, 3) influenza-related deaths and 4) influenza A, novel or avian (not H1 or H3).

Influenza Cultures

Laboratory reports of influenza culture results should include patient name, age and address, including county and should be reported to DHEC within 7 days.

Rapid Antigen Tests

Rapid antigen tests detect influenza virus type A or B, specifically, or types A and B without distinguishing them, from nasopharyngeal or throat specimens, or other specimens. Test kit results are available to the clinician in approximately 30 minutes.

A positive rapid influenza worksheet is attached and should be used for reporting the total number of positive rapid antigen test results each week. Worksheets may be faxed or emailed to the regional health department by Monday at noon for the preceding week. Those wishing to email weekly data should call their regional health department to make arrangements.

Reminder: If you are a provider that does rapid influenza testing, continue to report the total number of positive rapid influenza tests weekly to your regional health department.

Influenza-related Deaths

All influenza-related deaths are reportable to DHEC within 7 days. DHEC will investigate influenza-related deaths in children under 17 and submit information on these deaths to the CDC for national monitoring purposes.

Influenza A, novel or avian (not H1 or H3)

Human infections with novel or avian influenza A virus (not H1 or H3) must be reported **IMMEDIATELY** to DHEC.

REFERENCES

- **DHEC Novel H1N1 Website**
<http://www.scdhec.net/flu/swine-flu.htm>
- **DHEC Influenza Monitoring Website**
www.scdhec.gov/health/disease/acute/flu.htm
- **DHEC Influenza-related updates and advisories**
www.scdhec.gov/health/disease/acute/flualert.htm
- **SC 2009 Reportable Disease List**
www.scdhec.gov/health/disease/docs/reportable_conditions.pdf
- **CDC Novel H1N1 Website**
<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu>
- **CDC Cough Etiquette Guidance**
www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/infectioncontrol/resphygiene.htm

DHEC Contact Information for Reportable Diseases and Reporting Requirements

Reporting of outbreaks/clusters of cases is consistent with South Carolina Law requiring the reporting of diseases and conditions to your state or local public health department. (State Law # 44-29-10 and Regulation # 61-20) as per the DHEC 2004 List of Reportable Conditions available at:
http://www.scdhec.gov/health/disease/docs/reportable_conditions.pdf

Federal HIPAA legislation allows disclosure of protected health information, without consent of the individual, to public health authorities to collect and receive such information for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease. (HIPAA 45 CFR §164.512).

Positive rapid influenza test results summary worksheet
2008-2009



Guidance for use of this worksheet:

- a) Positive influenza viral culture results must still be reported with name, age, address and strain type using the DHEC 1129 cards.
- b) Fax or email completed worksheet information **NO LATER THAN NOON ON THE MONDAY OF THE FOLLOWING WEEK** to the Region-specific Health Department fax/phone/addresses (see below). These contact numbers are also available at:
http://www.dhec.sc.gov/health/disease/docs/reportable_conditions.pdf
- c) This worksheet is the preferred method of reporting positive rapid antigen tests in the 2008-2009 season.
- d) Facilities using this worksheet are required to enter the:
 - a. Reporting period date (week beginning on Sunday),
 - b. Facility/Practice name,
 - c. County in which the facility/practice is located, and
 - d. Influenza type being identified (e.g., Influenza A, Influenza B, Influenza A/B, or unknown).
- e) If methodologies change such that a different influenza type is being identified during the influenza season, please update the "type of influenza being identified" section of this worksheet prior to weekly submission.

For the week beginning _____ (Sunday – Saturday)

Reporting Facility/Practice: _____

County: _____

Type of influenza (A, B, A or B, or unknown) being identified via test methodology: _____

	Positive for Influenza A	Positive for Influenza B	Positive for Influenza A or B
Sunday			
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
<u>Weekly Totals</u>			

Regional Public Health Offices – 2008

Mail or call reports to the Epidemiology Office in each Public Health Region.

Region 1

Anderson, Oconee

220 McGee Road
Anderson, SC 29625
Phone: (864) 260-4358
Fax: (864) 260-5623
Nights / Weekends: 1-866-298-4442

Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Saluda

1736 S. Main Street
Greenwood, SC 29646
Phone: 1-888-218-5475
Fax: (864) 942-3690
Nights / Weekends: 1-800-420-1915

Region 2

Greenville, Pickens

PO Box 2507
200 University Ridge
Greenville, SC 29602-2507
Phone: (864) 282-4139
Fax: (864) 282-4373
Nights / Weekends: 1-800-993-1186

Cherokee, Spartanburg, Union

PO Box 4217
151 E. Wood Street
Spartanburg, SC 29305-4217
Phone: (864) 596-2227, x- 210
Fax: (864) 596-3443
Nights / Weekends: 1-800-993-1186

Region 3

Chester, Lancaster, York

PO Box 817
1833 Pageland Highway
Lancaster, SC 29721
Phone: (803) 286-9948
Fax: (803) 286-5418
Nights / Weekends: 1-866-867-3886

Region 3 (continued)

Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry, Richland

2000 Hampton Street
Columbia, SC 29204
Phone: (803) 576-2749
Fax: (803) 576-2993
Nights / Weekends: 1-888-554-9915

Region 4

Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee, Sumter

PO Box 1628
105 North Magnolia Street
Sumter, SC 29150
Phone: (803) 773-5511
Fax: (803) 775-9941
Nights/Weekends: 1-877-831-4647

Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marlboro, Marion

145 E. Cheves Street
Florence, SC 29506
Phone: (843) 661-4830
Fax: (843) 661-4859
Nights / Weekends: (843) 660-8145

Region 5

Bamberg, Calhoun, Orangeburg

PO Box 1126
1550 Carolina Avenue
Orangeburg, SC 29116
Phone: (803) 533-7199
Fax: (803) 533-7134
Nights / Weekends: (803) 954-8513

Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell

1680 Richland Avenue, W. Suite 40
Aiken, SC 29801
Phone: (803) 642-1618
Fax: (803) 643-8386
Nights / Weekends: (803) 827-8668 or
1-800-614-1519

Region 6

Georgetown, Horry, Williamsburg

1931 Industrial Park Road
Conway, SC 29526-5482
Phone: (843) 915-8804
Fax: (843) 365-0085
Nights / Weekends: (843) 381-6710

Region 7

Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester

4050 Bridge View Drive, Suite 600
N. Charleston, SC 29405
Phone: (843) 953-0060
Fax: (843) 953-0051
Nights / Weekends: (843) 219-8470

Region 8

Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, Jasper

219 S. Lemacks Street
Walterboro, SC 29488
Phone: (843) 549-1516, x-214
Fax: (843) 549-6845
Nights / Weekends: 1-800-614-4698

DHEC Bureau of Disease Control

Division of Acute Disease Epidemiology

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Box 101106
Columbia, SC 29211
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Fax: (803) 898-0897
Nights / Weekends: 1-888-847-0902



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