

Novel 2009 H1N1 FLU virus FACTS

What is the Novel 2009 H1N1 Flu Virus?

The novel 2009 H1N1 Flu Virus (formerly called the Swine Flu virus) is caused by a new, contagious strain of the influenza A virus. Like other cold and flu viruses, it spreads from person to person through coughing, sneezing or touch.

What are the symptoms of novel 2009 H1N1 Flu?

The symptoms of novel 2009 H1N1 Flu in people are similar to the symptoms of seasonal influenza, and include fever, lethargy, lack of appetite and coughing. Some people with the flu also report having a runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Who seems to be most at risk for hospitalization from novel 2009 H1N1 Flu?

While the CDC was tracking the number of cases of novel 2009 H1N1 Flu, from April 15th to July 24th, the hospitalization rate of children in the 0 to 4 age group with novel H1N1 flu illness has been 4.5 children per 100,000. The next highest reported hospitalization rate has been in the 5 to 24 years of age group, which had a hospitalization rate of 2.1 per 100,000 people.*

How can I reduce the spread of germs that cause flu?

By regularly disinfecting the surfaces kids touch most with EPA-registered products that are effective against the influenza A virus, you can help reduce the spread of influenza A viruses from treated surfaces. Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes are effective against influenza A virus, including the novel 2009 H1N1 flu strain.**

For the latest information on the treatment and prevention of the novel 2009 H1N1 Flu, visit the CDC website at:
www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu

* Source: CDC, August 2009 (www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/surveillanceqa.htm)

** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) believes, based on available scientific information, that the currently registered influenza A virus products will be effective against the pandemic H1N1-2009 flu strain and other influenza A virus strains on hard, nonporous surfaces.



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