

San Juan County H1N1 Swine Flu Situation Report

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General Situation:

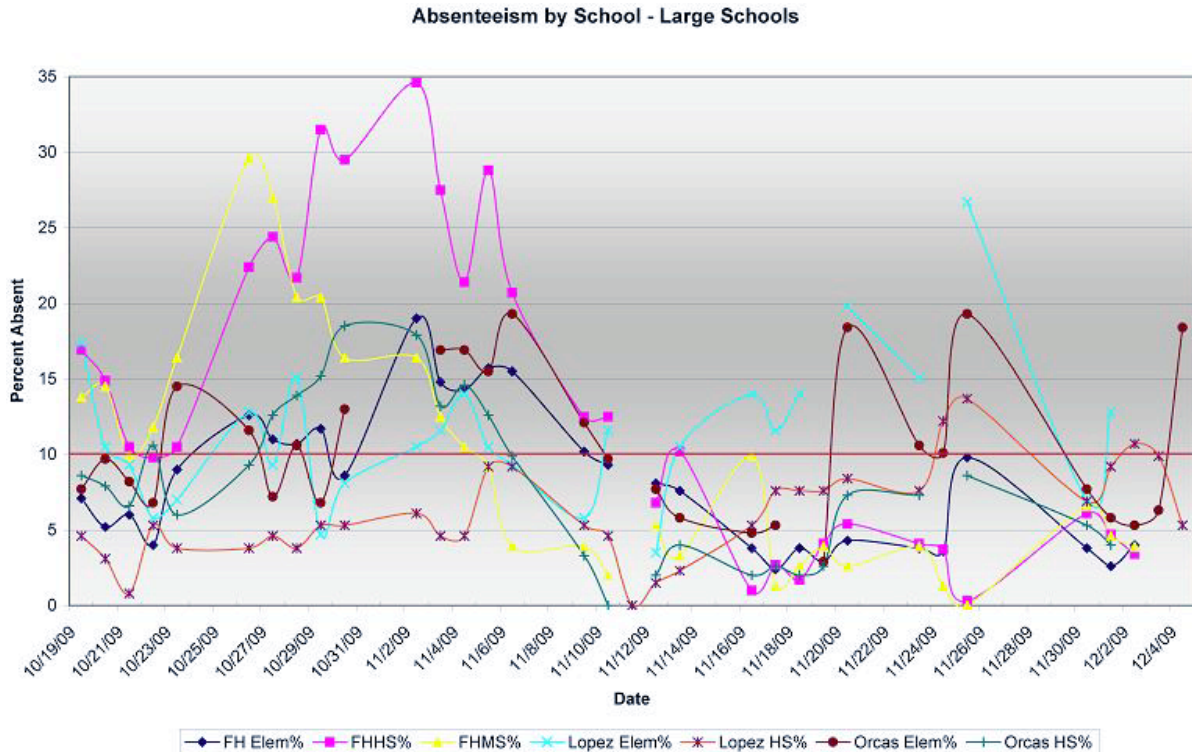
The H1N1 virus appears to have peaked in most of the schools in the county. Student absenteeism levels are beginning to stabilize in the larger schools, though some of the smaller schools are still reporting absenteeism levels exceeding the 10% level. Public Health officials are cautioning that the H1N1 virus is entrenched in the community, and we may expect to see another spike in cases this winter with cases of the illness continuing to occur until spring.

The supply of vaccine is improving, and County Health Officials hope to open vaccination to the general public as soon as the State Department of Health approves the decision to open the vaccine availability. This decision is anticipated in the middle of December.

A total of 3200 doses of H1N1 vaccine have been received in the County since shipments started, and the supply of H1N1 vaccine is adequate to serve the targeted at risk groups without delay. With the holiday season just weeks away, County Health Department officials are strongly urging people with significant risk factors to see their health care provider or the Health Department for vaccination as soon as possible.

Hospitalized Cases from SJC: One

Surveillance Trends:



The overall Absenteeism Rates for Week 13 (11/26/09 – 12/2/09, short week includes 2 holidays):

San Juan Island 5.4% stable
 Orcas Island 5.6% decline from previous week

Lopez Island 9.3% declining; Week 12 may have been the peak
 Shaw Island No report
 Private Schools Stillpoint reported at 8.3%

Direct Patient Contacts: Total Calls = 35 for Week 13

Contacts made with families of students absent with possible Influenza Like Illness (ILI): 11/26/09 – 12/2/09				
	San Juan	Lopez	Orcas	Shaw
Students identified with ILI	1	2	1	NR
Family contacts	14	7	5	NR
Families unable to be contacted ¹	1	3	1	NR

¹Includes families not contacted because of no phone, unlisted number, or no answer after repeated attempts.

The overall Absenteeism Rates for Week 12 (11/19/09 – 11/25/09)

San Juan Island 5.4% stable
 Orcas Island 9.7% made a marked increase
 Lopez Island 13.9% made a marked increase
 Shaw Island No report
 Private Schools Salmonberry reported 23.3%; Stillpoint reported 12.5%

Direct Patient Contacts: Total Calls = 76 for Week 12

Contacts made with families of students absent with possible Influenza Like Illness (ILI): 11/19/09 – 11/25/09				
	San Juan	Lopez	Orcas	Shaw
Students identified with ILI	1	4	4	NR
Family contacts	16	13	3	0
Families unable to be contacted ¹	2	10	7	0

¹Includes families not contacted because of no phone, unlisted number, or no answer after repeated attempts.

Inventory of Critical Supplies:

Tamiflu Antiviral Supplies						
	San Juan Island		Lopez		Orcas	
	Public		Public		Public	
Antivirals: Tamiflu	Adult	Ped	Adult	Ped	Adult	Ped
-Doses available	582	8	220	3	295	4
-Doses administered	0	0	0	0	0	0
Remaining doses	582	8	220	3	295	4

Report date: 12/3/2009
 Public = County stock pile

Vaccine Supplies			
	San Juan Island	Lopez	Orcas
LAIV Nasal Spray doses distributed ¹	50 (390)	10 (120)	40 (290)
Injectable vaccine doses distributed ²	300 (1100)	100 (340)	300 (960)
-Doses administered ³	182 (1206)	11 (245)	128 (939)

¹ Report period: 11/23/2009 to 12/04/2009, cumulative totals are in parenthesis. Doses distributed are doses received by health department and distributed between private health providers and the health department.

² Injectable vaccine received 11/23/2009 to 12/04/2009.

³ Includes totals for 11/29/2009 to 12/05/2009, LAIV and injectable. Parenthesis is cumulative total.

Critical Shortages:

County Flu Severity Level: 3

Current Actions:

Public Health nurses will continue to make phone calls to the homes of absent children. As school absenteeism drops, the Health Department will make the decision weekly to continue the phone calls.

County Health Officer Dr. Frank James, is stressing how important it is for those at high risk of complications from the swine flu to be vaccinated now.

County Health Department personnel and volunteers completed clinics in 5 pre-schools and elementary schools on Orcas, and San Juan Islands December 2 – 4.

The week of December 7th – 11th will be extremely busy, as eleven school vaccination clinics are scheduled on San Juan, Lopez and Orcas Islands.

Vaccination clinics open to the general population are tentatively being planned for San Juan Island on December 16th, Orcas Island on December 18th, and Lopez Island on December 22nd. These clinics are tentative only at this time and scheduling is contingent on both the release of the vaccine for general public vaccination by the State Department of Health, and adequate vaccine supply to support the clinics.

New vaccine orders will continue to be placed weekly by the health department. The State Department of Health will not be processing orders from December 17th, to January 3rd 2010.

Key Messages:

Get vaccinated when vaccine is available for the risk level which applies to you.

Preservative free vaccine is available for children between 6 months and 35 months of age and parents are urged to contact their health care provider or the County Health Department to have these children vaccinated as soon as possible.

Vaccine is available for anyone under 64 years of age with a respiratory condition such as asthma, a heart ailment, diabetes or any condition which suppresses the immune system. People in this group are urged to contact their health care provider or the County Health Department to be vaccinated as soon as possible.

Children under 10 years of age, who have received their first shot of vaccine, are now due to receive their second shot.

Everyone is reminded to help control the flu by:

1. Cover your cough
2. Wash your hands
3. Stay home when you are sick
4. Call first before going to the doctor

Contact Information:

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San Juan County Health and Community Services Swine Flu Information

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