

# Sonoma County Public Health Preparedness (PHP) Task Force

Meeting Summary for June 25, 2009

*NEXT MEETING: September 24, 2009, 10-12 noon*

*DHS Conference Center, 475 Aviation Blvd.*

## H1N1 Situation Update (Dr. Mark Netherda, Public Health)

WHO Announced the Pandemic Phase 6-indicating worldwide spread of a novel virus with human to human transmission,

- The H1N1 situation has continued to increase in numbers
- The CDC has determined the Severity Index to be 2 (on a scale of 1-5, similar to hurricanes), based on preliminary numbers
- The virus is becoming more wide spread geographically and demographically
- Current case count as of June 24, 2009:
  - Sonoma County currently at 25 cases
  - Lake County currently at 0 cases
  - Napa County currently at 1 case
  - 110 deaths across US, 50 of those have occurred since June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Healthcare workers are at greater risk of exposure yet they are not universally using the recommended PPE
- There are currently three separate outbreaks in Sonoma County
  - Children's camp
    - The camp chose to close for one week to get a handle on the cases
    - Entire staff at the center received prophylaxis
  - Sonoma Developmental Center
    - Prophylaxis has been requested for patients and healthcare workers
  - One local Skilled Nursing Facility
    - Prophylaxis has been requested for patients and healthcare workers
- County Public Health has received a portion of our strategic national stockpile (SNS) allotment of antiviral medication
  - Two courses have been dispensed
  - At this time Public Health will not be sending the antivirals back to the state
- Those of us who work in a facility where there is a potential for people with influenza like illness should make sure that staff are using ALL the correct PPE
- Surgical Masks vs. N95 masks
  - Surgical masks prevents transmission of the virus from the sick person wearing the mask
  - N95 masks protects the healthy person wearing the mask from receiving the virus
  - There has been some question about a new CalOsha standard for P100 masks; Public Health doesn't not currently have any information on this but will look it

## Planning for H1N1 Vaccine Dispensing (Chris Love, Public Health)

- See attached DRAFT Vaccine Prioritization document (*this document is NOT to be distributed, the information is very preliminary*)
- A vaccine should be ready in late fall
  - The vaccine distribution to Sonoma County may not coincide with the seasonal flu vaccine efforts
  - Public Health will most likely play a role in the dispensing of the vaccination
  - Public Health will likely be required to dispense on a tier of priority with guidance given by the CDC
  - When, how, and how much vaccine will be given to Public Health is not yet known
  - The vaccine will most likely be a 2-tier dose; the second dose to be given six weeks following the first dose

## Discussion-

- Gabe Kearney suggested that Kaiser might provide 150 volunteers/staff to assist Public Health with providing prophylaxis
- Gabe Kearney also suggested that Kaiser is occupational health provider for most county 1st responders, and could provide

## Multi-year Training and Exercise Planning (Chris Love, Public Health)

- A list of current Public Health trainings and exercises was shared with the group. The group was able to review the list and make recommendations and suggestions
  - After the meeting the list was revised.
  - The next step will be to share this revised list with the Healthcare Disaster Planning Forum in order to get their input.
  - Once a final list is created Chris will send it out to all of our partners. They will be asked to prioritize the list for implementation in the upcoming or future grant years.
  - Public Health will review and make final decisions

### ***Round Table***

*Erin Tarkhanian, Redwood Empire Schools Insurance Group (RESIG)*

- In June RESIG completed a very successful earthquake drill with Sonoma County Office Education

*Melanie Dodson, Community Childcare Counsel of Sonoma County*

- The counsel is working to move their child care centers to accreditation for emergency preparedness

*Denise Sobel, Sutter Hospital*

- Sutter recently opened their disaster trailer to assess the inventory. They were able to make use of the some of the equipment, dating back to the Civil Defense funding of the 1950s and 60s. The remaining pallets of outdated emergency equipment were donated.

*Brenda Flyswithawks, Indian Health*

- Recently conducted a Pan Flu exercise on June 18
  - They were able to set up a triage tent, which they hadn't done before
  - A key corrective action was the need for training of management staff in ICS

*Kent Coxon, Coastal Valleys EMS Agency*

- Conducted an EMS exercise on June 24 2009
  - Were able to practice bringing in outside ambulance strike teams
  - Used between 30-40 volunteer patients
  - Communications were successful
  - There was a few glitches with EMS systems that will need to be worked out
- Steve Francis is no longer with EMS

*Gabe Kearney, Kaiser Hospital*

- Kaiser conducted a Pan Flu Exercise on June 18 to test their 4<sup>th</sup> in line personnel
- Kaiser recently purchased a new high frequency HAM radio
- Gabe will look into scheduling more N95 FIT Testing classes for community healthcare partners

*Denise Sevell, Red Cross*

- Denise is working out the details for how the Red Cross can help support dispensing locations if needed

*Ann Baechler, Public Health Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)*

- 23 MRC volunteers participated in the June 18 exercise at a number of facilities
  - MRC volunteers reported that their experience at the Indian Health Center went very well
- Ann worked with five specific Skilled Nursing Facilities on the exercise; they were able to conduct triage and staff call downs

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**475 Aviation Blvd, Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

Attachments: *H1N1 Vaccine Prioritization*

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