

Flu Season Update

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City Council
Presentation

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2009 Flu Forecast

- Seasonal flu & novel H1N1 virus are active in Arizona (expect 1 in 4 persons sick)
- State, Counties and Municipalities
 - Consistent Message Information Management
 - Trends Stay Connected
 - Monitor Workforce Vendor watch
- Coordination with Mesa Public Schools to provide seasonal flu vaccinations to children

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Plan-Prepare-Prevent

- Continuity of Operations planning began in October 2008
- Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Planning training
- All Hazard Incident Management Team members identified

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City's Educational Campaign

- **Wash 'em!** -Wash hands frequently with soap and water or use alcohol based hand sanitizer, especially after sneezing
- **Stay Home!** -Flu symptoms include high fever, sore throat, cough, headache, muscle aches, and chills
- **Keep 'em home!** - Keep sick kids home

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More Preventative Measures

- **Cover it!**-Cough into your sleeve or cover cough with tissue
- **Hands off!** – Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- **Social distancing!**
- **Get rest!**

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Roll Up Your Sleeve Campaign

- **Encouraging flu shots-this is only for the seasonal flu**
- **Seasonal Flu:**
 - Vaccine for seasonal flu is being delivered to the City incrementally
 - Employee clinics should begin in September
 - Purchased 2,500 doses, up from the 1,500 purchased last year

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Roll Up Your Sleeve Campaign

• H1N1:

- Vaccine is currently being evaluated
- At risk populations
 - Pregnant women, people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months old, health care workers, people 6 months to 24 years and people 25 to 54 with chronic illness or immune problems
- Vaccine may require 2 doses
- Anticipate 40 million doses initially and more produced by year's end

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Organization Preparedness

- Supervisors are working on contingency plans for the possibility of increased absenteeism
 - Identify essential functions
 - Who can do the essential functions and tasks that must continue
- Flexibility in employee schedules to get themselves or family members vaccinated
- Ensure hand sanitizer, wipes and tissues are throughout the workplace for employees and public

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