

Resources for Child Care Providers on Pandemic H1N1 2009 (Swine) flu and Seasonal Flu

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Pandemic flu planning is a must for every childcare program, but especially larger centers and programs where children or adults with special needs are included, for example, a program that serves pregnant adolescents and young babies or a program with children who have special health care needs. Every program will have to think about having adequate supplies, a good substitute list, and a financial plan that addresses declining enrollment and payroll for staff that are absent. The following checklist will help you with program planning.

Checklist and Planning Guide for Child Care:

California Department of Education and Child Development, *Child Care Pandemic Flu Planning Checklist* and other resources for child care programs, www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/fluinfo.asp

Copies of posters and handouts to download.

1. The California Childcare Health Program – health and safety notes and posters in English and Spanish www.ucsfchildcarehealth.org/htmlandr/pandrmain.htm
2. The California Department of Health Services, *Healthy Schools* posters in multiple languages www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize/Pages/ImmunizationPromotionalMaterials.aspx
3. California Department of Health Services, *Parent and Caregiver* and *Pregnant Women*, immunization promotion poster in English and Spanish http://eziz.org/resources/materials_fluprevention.html
4. *Cover Your Cough* posters in multiple languages, www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/covercough.htm
5. ToucanEd, Santa Cruz, *What to Do When You Ka Choo*, brochure for children .36 cents (they also have posters and handwashing materials), (888) 386-8226, www.toucaned.com

Additional Resources:

1. Check the City of Berkeley Website www.cityofBerkeley.info/publichealth or call our Public Health Department Nurse of the Day line during business hours (510) 981-5300 for local Pandemic H1N1 2009 updates and information on locating health insurance, health care providers and vaccination clinics.
1. California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) Pandemic 2009 H1N1 (swine flu) hotline at 1-888-865-0564 weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on weekends from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. www.cdph.org
2. Healthline, California Childcare Health Program – 1-800-333-3212 a free phone line staffed by nurses and other specialist with expertise in health, safety, child development and inclusion as it applies to child care programs.
3. BANANAS, Child Care Resource and Referral, Referrals for child care, in-home babysitters and child care substitutes. 658-0381
4. Centers for Communicable Disease Control guidance documents for special populations (check often as information frequently changes) www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/parents/:

Taking Care of a Sick Person in Your Home

General Information About H1N1

Feeding your Baby: What Parents Should Know

Resources for Pregnant Women

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