

June 12, 2009 Influenza Update

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPA) has confirmed a total of 637 cases of H1N1 flu in the state. Laboratory confirmed cases represent only a fraction of the likely number of cases in the state because many persons with mild symptoms do not seek care from a doctor or hospital but recover at home. In addition, the state labs are no longer testing flu samples unless the individual is hospitalized.

Eleven students (1 High School and 10 Middle School) in the Weston Public Schools are confirmed cases of H1N1 influenza since May 5, 2009. Attendance at Weston Middle School averaged 92% throughout this week and attendance at Weston High School, Weston Intermediate School and Hurlbutt Elementary School was at 97% or higher.

The Connecticut DPH continues to remind us to take precautions to prevent getting the flu or spreading it by having students stay home if they are sick, washing their hands frequently, and coughing or sneezing into their sleeve or a tissue. Students with a fever must be fever free for 48 hours before returning to school.

For more information on novel H1N1 flu:

- Connecticut Flu Watch: www.ct.gov/ctfluwatch/swineflu
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov

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