

ECDC EXECUTIVE UPDATE

Pandemic influenza (H1N1) 2009

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Past meetings and events

24 November: ECDC contributed to a meeting of the Friends of the Presidency Group in Brussels to provide an update on the current state of the pandemic and to discuss likely pandemic courses.

Weekly influenza surveillance overview (WISO) highlights

- Influenza activity is still high in 27 EU countries.
- Thirteen countries reported a rising trend, many of which are in Eastern Europe.
- Influenza activity is stable in some countries which may suggest they are nearing the peak of their epidemics.
- Influenza A(H1N1)v oseltamivir resistance has been officially reported in the EU.

The ECDC weekly influenza surveillance overview is published on Friday afternoons and is available at: http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/activities/surveillance/EISN/Pages/EISN_Bulletin.aspx

Weekly digest on pandemic influenza (H1N1) 2009 from ECDC Daily Updates

As of 29 November, the cumulative number of reported deaths since the beginning of the pandemic in EU/EEA Member States totals 858.

[30 November](#)

- Mutations in the haemagglutinin HA1 gene D222G

[27 November](#)

- [EpiSouth](#) update from 26 countries of the Mediterranean and the Balkans

[26 November](#)

- [Summary](#) of experience in UK from first wave of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 published
- ESCMID concerned that scepticism and deliberate misinformation is leading to low vaccine uptake

[24 November](#)

- Updates from USA and Canada

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Public health developments

Mass gatherings during H1N1 2009 pandemic – an example of Hajj event

This [public health development](#) discusses a recent WHO publication in the Weekly Epidemiological Record that describes in detail all the travel requirements that the Saudi Authorities are making for pilgrims that are going to participate in the Hajj event so as to reduce the risk to their health. The publication also mentions potential implications for home countries of participants after the event.

Upcoming events

30 Nov–1 Dec: ECDC vaccines expert, Kari Johansen, will attend the Vaccine Working Party at EMEA, London

1 December: ECDC Director will speak at the EU Health Council Meeting, Brussels

3-4 December: ECDC is attending a working meeting with the Coordinators of the Reference Laboratory Network, London

8-9 December: The Advisory Forum Meeting will be taking place at ECDC

11 December: Eurovaccine 2009, 1st European conference on vaccination and immunisation at ECDC, Stockholm