

**H1N1 Team Meeting**  
 October 27, 2009  
 Conference Room 3, Marquette  
 Meeting Minutes

Agenda Items	Description
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Meeting was called to order approximately at 2:02 p.m.
<b>Review of ILI activity being experienced in the Region.</b>	<p>AOH – Reported that the flu came on very suddenly</p> <p>BH – Increase in ill staff members</p> <p>HNJH – One school closure in area and increased activity in Urgent Care</p> <p>LMAS – Volume has picked up for the last week and a half. One school closure in the area and the elementary school was very close to closing.</p> <p>MMH – Local school absenteeism went from 14% - 28% with an increase of school aged kids in the ER</p> <p>MSH – Increased activity in clinics with about six positives, three of which being ten years and younger. One school closure in the local area.</p> <p>WMH – Increase in ILI activity on Urgent Care</p> <p>VA – One hospitalized patient</p>
<b>Urgent/Immediate concerns related to facility response to flu upsurge (staff shortages, etc.)</b>	No reports of any significant staff shortages at this time. Some areas have expressed concerns about shortages of N95's, along with other some supplies of 21-25ga needles.
<b>Status of inpatients (units/isolation/negative airflow rooms)</b>	Admission numbers are low throughout the region, from no more than 1-2 to none at this time. In general, however, everyone is starting to see an increase of ILI's. MGHS has reserved an area to cohort flu patients but as of yet has not utilized.
<b>Current restriction on facility entrances/visitors</b>	<p><b>Restrictions</b></p> <p>BH – Has posted signs and their OB unit is under restricted visitation</p> <p>HNJH – Closed to the ill especially long-term care</p> <p>MMH – Currently has limited visitation in effect</p> <p>MSH – Visitor restriction in long-term care</p> <p>WMH – Visitor restriction with signage around hospital</p> <p><b>Event Cancellations</b></p> <p>AOH – Restricted health occupation students and canceled a long-term care evacuation with Boy Scouts</p> <p>HNJH – Staff was meeting later in the day to discuss limiting/canceling trick-or-treating</p> <p>MSH – No trick-or-treating or Halloween parties</p> <p>MGHS – Canceled educational event and trick-or-treating at hospital as well as at Northern Michigan University. Canceled all minor meetings.</p> <p>WMH – Canceled trick-or-treating, kindergarten tour, and an long-term care event</p>

<b>Vaccination of staff (seasonal/H1N1)</b>	<p>AOH – Has held a seasonal flu clinic for the public where they ran out of vaccine thus, they will not be holding a seasonal flu clinic for employees</p> <p>HNJH – Held a seasonal flu clinic and vaccinated employees.</p> <p>MSH – Held both an H1N1 and seasonal clinic for staff. Found that not all employee contact information was up to date</p> <p>NSHS – Will hold three seasonal clinics and three H1N1 clinics</p> <p>There was some resistance to the live mist spray at some hospitals. It was found that with a little education about the mist, people’s fears were relieved and the mist was used.</p>
<b>Designated segregated area in ED/waiting room</b>	<p>HNJH – Has provided a separate waiting room for those who are suspected ILI</p>
<b>Education of staff/patients/visitors</b>	<p><b>When should you go to the hospital?</b></p> <p>HNJH – Is working with the local paper and two radio stations educating people on when they should come into the hospital and when to stay at home</p> <p>MGHS – Has local call center in Marquette County for public to call before going to the hospital. MGHS is also sending daily newsletters to all employees with updates. NMU will be sending emails to every student to tell them, if they feel sick and are contemplating going to the hospital, to call the call center first.</p> <p>WMH – Has no information from the Public Health side but has information on their hospital website on when and when not to come to the hospital.</p>
<b>Alternate Care Centers</b>	<p>MGHS is looking at options for potential off-site locations for screening/triage</p>
<b>Use of local media</b>	<p>Discussion included utilizing student notification procedures at universities and colleges. Some areas are using local paper/radio stations. Some areas could benefit from more exposure</p>
<b>Integration of activity with completion of adequate, reasonable, clear pandemic flu plan</b>	<p>Stressed to document current response activity so it can be included within the development of each pandemic flu plan</p>
<b>N95’s (supplies)</b>	<p><b>Who is using N95’s and how are they using them?</b></p> <p>HNJH – Is using N95’s</p> <p>MGHS – Is using N95’s and wearing them again and again until visibly soiled or contaminated</p> <p>AOH – Is using 1970 N95’s</p> <p><b>When do you start using stockpile supplies?</b></p> <p>Region 8 – When on back order, start using stockpile supplies. If needed, supplies can be taken from the ACC sites but be cautious not to deplete the stockpile in case the ACC needs to be activated. If you are not using Region assets, please let the Region 8 Office know so that it could be used in another facility. These assets are to be shared throughout the Region.</p>

<p><b>Tamiflu Stockpile</b></p>	<p>Expires at the end of October. We have been given permission to throw it away but no permission to use it.</p> <p>Joshua Burt advised that there is an exchange system being used. Contact his office directly at (906) 225-7745</p> <p><b>What are hospitals doing with the stockpiled Tamiflu?</b></p> <p>AOH – Has only used what they had in-house at their pharmacy and hasn't used the stockpile.</p> <p>BCMh – Kept two courses and sent the rest of their stock to Region 8 to be exchanged.</p> <p>GVHS – Hasn't used any of the stockpile.</p> <p>HNJH – Has dispensed only a few courses. Will probably be working to exchange with Region 8.</p> <p>MMH – Hasn't needed Tamiflu yet. Still has the full amount left.</p> <p>MSH – Dispensing it to their Emergency Department and clinics on an as needed basis. Has access to more Tamiflu from their local Health Department. They are dispensing it with pharmacy labels with tracking abilities.</p> <p>NSHS – Following CDC guidelines. They are not using Relenza. The Tamiflu they are dispensing has pharmacy labels and tracking abilities.</p>
<p><b>Open discussion</b></p>	<p>All hospitals that have not yet submitted their pandemic flu plan to the Region 8 office are asked to do so ASAP so they can be reviewed.</p> <p>Please make sure that the R8MCC pager number is known in your agency. The number is (906) 222-3051.</p> <p>If interested, contact Al Spalding, Aspirus Ontonagon Hospital (906) 884-8149 about LTV Ventilator accessories.</p>