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Swine Flu: To Vaccinate Or Not
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Why Vaccinate?



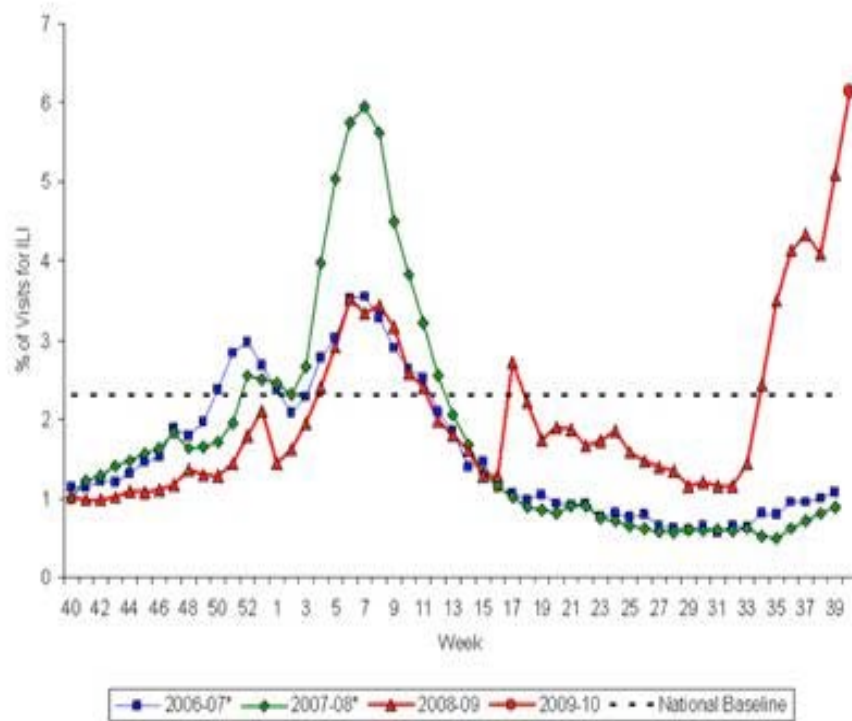
- H1N1 re-emerging as serious threat, set to peak in November-December 2009
- Seasonal flu set to peak January-February 2010

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Vaccination Supply



*There was no week 53 during the 2006-07 or 2007-08 influenza seasons, therefore the week 53 data point for those seasons is an average of weeks 52 and 1.

October 2009

- Projected: 40 million
- Actual: 29 million
- Distributed: 9 million
- Seasonal Flu Vax: Unavailable

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Who should be vaccinated?



- Infant caregivers
- Pregnant women
- Infants and toddlers 6 months to 3 years
- All children < 18 with health issues such as asthma
- HCWs

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Getting Immunized



- Two kinds of vaccines for the swine flu
- Two kinds of vaccines for regular influenza
- Kids: Space same-kind immunizations four weeks apart

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Types of H1N1 Immunizations



- Nasal
 - Live vaccine delivered through nasal inhalation
 - Slightly higher complication rate as it is a live virus
 - People with a compromised immune systems will not receive nasal version

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Types of Immunizations



- Inoculation
 - Recently released
 - Protein taken from a dead virus, and for most people this means a single inoculation.
 - Some recipients may have a low grade fever that day or within 24 hours.

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Vaccination Safety



- Approximately 60% of parents are on the fence about whether or not to vaccinate
- Unqualified “experts” and bloggers are successfully misleading the public

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Invalid Reasons



- Vaccines are
 - Unsafe
 - Dangerous
 - Fatal
- Vaccine preservative causes Autism (Thimerosal)



Is the vaccine safe?



- Tested extensively
- Protects from disease
- Low rate of associated complications
- More info available <http://www.cdc.gov>

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