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### **(BCHD09-540) Burlington County Health Department Info – Influenza Resources For Clinicians**

As we prepare for a second wave of novel influenza A (H1N1) cases in Burlington County in the coming weeks, we want to share with you resources you may find helpful as a clinician. Also, in the next week we will be sending information through LINCS on novel influenza A (H1N1) vaccine and how you can obtain the vaccine for your patients.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website is designed to give clinicians access to the latest guidelines and information on the evolving novel H1N1 influenza pandemic: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/clinicians/>

Please note that the CDC has released updated *Antiviral Recommendations* that can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/recommendations.htm>.

We also encourage you to read the CDC's *10 Steps You Can Take: Actions for Novel H1N1 Influenza Planning and Response for Medical Offices and Outpatient Facilities* at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/10steps.htm>

In addition, the CDC's MMWR, August 7, 2009 edition featured a report entitled, *Evaluation of Rapid Influenza Diagnostic Tests for Detection of Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus - United States, 2009*, available at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5830a2.htm>. While the findings are preliminary, they suggest significant limitations to the use of these tests for the accurate detection of the novel influenza A (H1N1) virus. Additional guidance on the use of rapid diagnostic tests for the detection of influenza can be found at [http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/rapid\\_testing.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/rapid_testing.htm).

We have also attached isolation instructions you can share with both your pediatric and adult patients you suspect of having influenza.

Finally, we have included information on novel influenza A (H1N1) that you can share with your patients 65 and over who may have questions as to why they are not a priority group for the novel influenza A (H1N1) vaccine.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact the Burlington County Health Department at [flu@co.burlington.nj.us](mailto:flu@co.burlington.nj.us) or (609) 265-5533 during business hours. After hours, you can contact the county's epidemiologist, Jennifer Horner, at (609) 352-9975.

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Four (4) files attached:            Isolation orders - cover message.doc  
                                                 Isolation Order - school children.doc  
                                                 Isolation Request - adult.doc  
                                                 H1N1 Information for Senior Citizens.doc