



H1N1 Surveillance - Q & A

- 1. How long is the data collection period for the H1N1 Surveillance program?**
 - Data collection is for a 1 year period from November 15, 2009 until November 30, 2010.
- 2. Who requires the H1N1 Surveillance forms to be completed?**
 - Forms are required to be completed on all women at some point during the course of the delivery episode of care. If a form is completed during an antepartum course of stay it can also be submitted (BCPHP will match forms to check for duplications).
- 3. Should a blank H1N1 Surveillance form be returned to BCPHP?**
 - Yes, forms with addressographs that are not completed are to be returned to BCPHP (for counting purposes) along with completed forms. Form completion is a team responsibility; every effort should be made to have the information collected during the delivery episode. In appropriate instances, the woman may also complete the form herself.
- 4. Is the place of birth question, noted on the H1N1 Surveillance form, for the baby or the mother?**
 - Place of birth denotes the name of the hospital where the birth of the baby takes place (e.g. ABC Hospital) - not the mother's birthplace.
 - For home births this would state: Home.
- 5. How are additional H1N1 Surveillance forms obtained?**
 - Additional forms can be obtained by phoning Gail Truesdell at RR Donnelley: 1-800-661-6466 or by email: gail.truesdell@rrd.com.
- 6. When are the H1N1 Surveillance forms returned to BCPHP?**
 - For hospitals with greater than 2500 birth per year, forms are to be returned twice a month (e.g. 1st and 15th of the month).
 - For hospitals with fewer than 2500 births per year, forms are to be returned once per month (e.g. 1st of the month).
- 7. How are the H1N1 Surveillance forms to be returned?**
 - Please use the prepaid courier labels supplied when initial information sent November 2009.
 - The Purolater courier number for pick up is: 1-888-744-7123.
- 8. When and how are H1N1 Surveillance forms for home births submitted?**
 - H1N1 Surveillance forms completed following a home birth are to be submitted at the same time as submission of other BCPHP forms following the birth.
- 9. Why are we not collecting information on adjuvant vs unadjuvanted vaccine?**
 - We know the date when unadjuvanted vaccine became available so will make assumptions based on this date. Also women may not know which vaccine they received or it may not be documented as such.
- 10. Why are we continuing to collect H1N1 Surveillance data when the risk of H1N1 seems to have passed?**
 - We will continue to collect H1N1 Surveillance data until November 30, 2010 because women who may have encountered H1N1 may not be giving birth for several months. There is also the potential of a third wave of H1N1. We will not be able to determine maternal and infant outcomes until all pregnancies are completed.