

Influenza Surveillance Review Workgroup Call

August 18, 2010

1pm EST

- The CDC assessment on influenza surveillance will begin this week by CDC. CDC will contact jurisdictions directly by phone.
 - The assessment is brief and includes questions regarding:
 - Hospitalizations and death surveillance
 - Pregnancy surveillance
 - Call will be directed to the influenza surveillance coordinator.
- AHDRA – CDC hopes to continue this during the upcoming influenza season. The above assessment will evaluate the level of planned participation by states this fall.
- Pregnancy Reporting Line – The above assessment will include 2 questions about this activity.
 - Started in October 2009
 - Case reporting in a central source for pregnant women with lab confirmed influenza (hospital admitted).
 - Will continue for an additional year to understand the severity impact on pregnant women (was severity actually increased or was it an artifact of increased surveillance?). Will also seek to determine how season influenza impacts pregnant women.
- Evaluating new data surveillance sources:
 - CDC is focusing on GE Healthcare, SDI records, and Distribute.
 - CDC is thoroughly reviewing quality, completeness, and feasibility of these data sources.
 - Process is ongoing and CDC will update states as needed.
- ILI Visualization Scheme
 - What new language will accompany this scheme?
 - Language is currently developed and will be shared by CDC within the next month by call or by email.
- Additional discussions/questions:
 - No new ELC Funding for this fiscal year, but hopeful for a supplement after the fiscal year beginning October 1.

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September 15, 2010 – 1pm EST