State Perspective on H1N1

Influenza Vaccine Summit
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From Micronesia to Alaska and Across the U.S. to the Virgin Islands
Looking Back…

- State and territorial health agencies responded successfully.
- They were agile, strategic, and flexible under very difficult circumstances.
- Despite staff shortages, furloughs, and unpredictable funding, they worked tirelessly to meet the demands of the pandemic.

The H1N1 Vaccine Campaign
An Unprecedented Undertaking

- Anticipating up to 600 million doses of vaccine
- Distribution of ancillary supplies
- 159 million initially prioritized persons
- Increased number of providers
- Increased number of distribution sites
**Priority Groups for Vaccination**

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**Why a government–organized system?**

- Controlled release of vaccine
- Distribution and administration could be prioritized
- Equity
- Transparency
- Data
Funding

Health Care Worker Vaccination

Assuring Access to Care and Treatment
Healthcare Workers

- We have not yet learned how to get healthcare workers vaccinated.
- We have not convinced all providers about the importance of vaccination.
Assuring Access to Care

- Lacked a clear statement that immigration status would not be considered when presenting for care.
- Early on, assuring access to antivirals for uninsured and undocumented populations was highly problematic.
- Assuring access for uninsured and underinsured continues to be problematic and a priority for state health officials.

FluMist

- What are the reasons for resistance from providers and the public?
- How can we collaborate to correct the misinformation?
Lessons Learned

- Need better data
- Need to plan for the unexpected
- Benefit of partners

Benefits of Public and Private Sector Partners

- The success of this effort was multifaceted.
- The response worked well due to the teamwork and cooperation between the federal, state, local, clinical and private sectors.
- The challenge is to maintain these partnerships so we are ready to work together again the next time.
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Available at:
http://www.astho.org/programs/infectious-disease/h1n1/
The Challenge

- How can public health help maintain and increase the number of providers that support vaccination and provide vaccines?
- How do we work together to ensure consistent and adequate funding for public health?
- How do we maintain the valuable partnerships that have worked so well?