



National Influenza Vaccine Summit

Influenza Activity Spotlights

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1. Registration now open for the May 9 – 11 Summit meeting in San Diego!

The website registration for the National Influenza Vaccine Summit meeting to be held at the Grand Hyatt Manchester, San Diego, California is now open! The 2011 Influenza Summit will take place May 9-11, 2011. On the [site](#), you will find a link to register for the meeting itself, a link to the Manchester Grand Hyatt website where you can make your hotel reservations, and the meeting agenda.

2. Summary of National Influenza Vaccine Summit Call from Wednesday March 8, at 3 PM Eastern

Lynnette Brammer from the CDC's influenza division provided an epidemiology update. Additionally, she discussed the recent reported increase in outbreaks in long-term care facilities. The initial reports were of enough concern that the CDC did a survey of the states (where data were available) to obtain information on the extent of the outbreaks. The general feeling was that this year's H3N2 strain is quite different from the most recent previous circulating H3 strain (but well matched by this year's vaccine). Thus, if the vaccine was not really working, it would have been expected that there would be much higher mortality and huge numbers of outbreaks. There are still a fair number of vaccine failures in elderly to be expected, but the data suggest that, in comparison with 1997-98 with a very different H3 strain from what circulated previously, there is no cause for concern. The CDC continues to monitor the situation.

3. The CDC/Influenza Division [Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report](#) for the week ending March 5, 2011 shows that influenza continues to be widespread! Archives of previous FluViews are at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>.

4. European Scientific Working Group on Influenza (ESWI) President confirmed as speaker at May Summit meeting

As part of the initiation of the official collaboration between the [European Union Influenza Summit](#) and the National Influenza Vaccine Summit of the United States, Dr. Albert Osterhaus, President of ESWI (the group coordinating the first EU Influenza Summit) has confirmed his attendance and willingness to present at the May Summit meeting. He will present on Tuesday afternoon on the issues that the EU faces with regards to influenza immunization and the efforts that are being done to address those challenges. In exchange, L.J Tan will be presenting on the U.S. Summit at the May 26, 2011 EU Influenza Summit.

5. Summit Website Offers Wonderful Resources on Influenza Vaccination!

Remember to visit the Summit web site for the latest on influenza immunization resources and for updates on the May Summit meeting! You can find it at: www.preventinfluenza.org.