



Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center "Quick Hits"



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Influenza Update

NMCPHC LAUNCHES COMPREHENSIVE [INFLUENZA WEBSITE](http://www-nmcpnc.med.navy.mil/Diseases_Conditions/influenza_resources.aspx) for healthcare professionals and the general public accessible through the NMCPHC Homepage.

- Comprehensive listing of current policy and guidance including SECNAV, OPNAV, Health Affairs, and BUMED
- Surveillance references and resources
- Up-to-date influenza vaccine guidelines and recommendations
- Other Relevant links and Resources
NHRC, DOD's Pandemic Flu Watchboard, CDC, WHO



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Surveillance References for Medical Departments and Public Health Professionals

- New [Disease Non-Battle Injury \(DNBI\) Surveillance webpage](#) for Fleet Medical Departments including new spreadsheet templates with an Influenza-like-Illness category and a new [Guide for DNBI Reporting and Investigation](#)
- New weekly [NMCPHC Influenza SITREPS](#) providing overall situational awareness of influenza concerns throughout the Navy and Marine Corps.
- Updated Enhanced Influenza Surveillance guides for [MTFs](#), [ships](#), and [Marine Corps forces](#). These guides outline reporting requirements (for influenza, outbreaks, and vaccine adverse events) and suggested local surveillance activities in preparation for the upcoming fall influenza season.
- Weekly report on influenza laboratory testing and antiviral dispensing practices in DON MTFs with trends by age, service, geography, week, and MTF. Though these data do not describe prevalence of disease, they do allow for tracking of practices in a local MTF and can contribute to local and regional tracking of trends over time.

Influenza Prevention and Control...

COMMANDS SHOULD EMPHASIZE expedited vaccination of all personnel with both seasonal influenza vaccine and the pandemic influenza (H1N1) 2009 vaccine. Additional strategies should center on vaccination, infection control measures, use of facemasks and respirators, hand sanitation and other [CDC recommendations](#).

POC and Links

- *NMCPHC Homepage:* <http://www-nmcpnc.med.navy.mil/>
- *NMCPHC Influenza Page:* http://www-nmcpnc.med.navy.mil/Diseases_Conditions/influenza_resources.aspx
- *Navy Medical Event Reporting resources:* http://www-nmcpnc.med.navy.mil/Preventive_Medicine/reportingtools.aspx
- *DNBI webpage:* http://www-nmcpnc.med.navy.mil/Data_Statistics/EpiData_Center/Edc_DNBI.aspx
- *Surveillance Toolbox, Quick Stats and Reports:* https://164.167.141.21/mil-only/Surv_ToolBox/quickstats.htm