

H1N1 Facilitated Discussion Questions

Purpose

To engage participants in a discussion on H1N1 with a focus on their institution's experience responding to this pandemic. We are interested hearing about how the pandemic affected your institution, the primary challenges, and any lessons learned you have. We have prepared some general questions to facilitate your participation in this process.

General Questions – Planning for H1N1

1. To what extent has H1N1 been a health problem on your campus? Last Spring? This Fall?
2. How prepared was your institution to deal with the 2009 H1N1 pandemic flu? Last Spring? This Fall?
3. What, if anything, did you do differently this Fall as compared to the initial Spring outbreak?
4. What have been the most significant problems encountered in planning your response to H1N1 at your campus?
5. What has been your primary source of information to assist you in your overall H1N1 planning?
6. Specific to your planning process:
 - Did your emergency management plan address infectious disease and or a pandemic flu?
 - Did the plan include continuity of operation procedures? Was this implemented with a 'chain of succession' and back-up procedures?
 - Did the plan include continuity of education?
 - Did you work with local public health officials?
 - Did you have sufficient resources to carry out the plan?
 - Was there a need to modify this plan? In what ways?
 - Did you identify any gaps in your plan?

Specific Questions – Approaches Used to Address H1N1 at Your Institution

- Did your institution administer seasonal and H1N1 flu clinics?
 - If you didn't have a clinic to distribute H1N1 vaccine on your campus what were the reasons? [1-3].
 - If you didn't have a clinic to distribute vaccine what would it take to sponsor such a clinic?
 - If you had a clinic to distribute vaccine what were the results, that is, how many received the vaccine [or what percentage of the total student population]...
- Has planning for H1N1 been put on the "back burner" at your campus or is it still a priority?
- As you were addressing the following issues with students and staff, what issues did you encounter? What effective strategies did you use to address them? How did you increase information awareness?
 - Mitigation strategies
 - Separating sick individuals
 - Providing medical caring for sick students and staff
 - Establishing absenteeism polices