PANDEMIC & EPIDEMIC RESPONSE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, October 16, 2009
10:00am – 11:00am
Conference call

MINUTES

1. Update (Fleming)
   • At SHS
     • Weekly cases: number, severity, supply needs
       • UCSD: 109 cases so far this week, 127 last week, 87 week before that, 25 week before that.
       • Using outdoor canopy; need to obtain full tent with walls for climate control now that weather is less predictable.
     • Staff affected
       • 3 SHS staff infected
   • Research study (Schooley)
     • Of the 16 students tested on Monday, all preliminary tests were positive for H1N1.
     • Study is set up in walkway between SHS and Career Center most days
   • SD County Public Health
     • Working w/ colleges; unable to commit staff for vaccination clinics, but may have role in determining how much of the H1N1 vaccine we ordered will be delivered to UCSD
   • California Public Health
     • H1N1 widely spread.
     • Recent death of child without risk factors at Children’s Hospital.

2. Vaccination Update (Fleming)
   • Projected dates: eight currently reserved; working on more

3. Our vaccine clinic dates/times currently scheduled are:
   • November 2nd and 3rd at Price Center
   • Nov 4, 10, 14, 15, 18 and 22 (varying times, ranging from 8-4:30 and 2:30-10pm) at the UCSD Student Services Multipurpose Room
• Working on other dates & locations
• Might need another refrigerator, (Van Saun) at SOM there are some refrigerators available.
• Assistance scheduling dates/times for clinics
  • Costs—likely $15 per shot
  • May be available for faculty and staff

4. Health Education update (Pino-Saballett)
   • Flu Buddies
     • Going well, students getting support from roommates and not relying much on Flu Buddies.
   • Get Well Kits
     • Going fast; given out 500
   • Video Contest
     • Today is last day for entry.
     • Idea’s to showcase video: post on Blink, Triton Link, Price Center can show as trailer when they show movies (Colley).

5. Communications
   • Complaints/concerns regarding attendance policies and medical excuses
     • Some faculty members are complaining that some students are abusing the flu issue and asking professors for special requests. (i.e. take home tests...)
     • Complaints made to SD Public Health regarding local universities and colleges requiring student attendance for grading; many feel this contributes to infecting others

   • Email to students re: vaccine availability and flu research recruitment

6. Open (all)

Questions:

Who should people contact to report total number of ill people in their office?
  • Send e-mail to Phillip Van Saun, pvansaun@ucsd.edu, before noon on Friday’s. He will report total number of UCSD illness to UCOP in his weekly conference call.
(Fleming)
The flu season is going to continue an estimated few more months so we will continue with these weekly conference calls.

(Van Saun)
UC San Diego Pandemic Influenza Plan now posted on Blink, see links below where is it located.
http://blink.ucsd.edu/sponsor/VCBA/ad-hoc-committees/pandemic.html
http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/pandemic

Asked UCOP to fund vaccine clinic, estimated cost: $330,000.