

FLU AWARE

an update for faculty, staff and students

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An ounce of PREVENTION

Where oh where are those vaccines?

We're in the midst of what was/is expected to be the peak of the H1N1 flu season and only a small number of vaccine doses have made it to our county. The manufacturing process is taking longer than expected, partly because companies are making the H1N1 and the seasonal flu vaccines at the same time.

The government expected 120 million doses of the H1N1 vaccine delivered by now. However they've reached just over 10 percent of that with 13 million doses having shipped to communities for distribution.

Meanwhile, the virus continues to spread. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) tracks several flu indicators. Their most-recent reports include the fact that the proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza was above the epidemic threshold.

So while I can't tell you when we'll have vaccine available for our college, I can strongly recommend that you focus on that old adage about an ounce of prevention and a pound of cure. Right now our best efforts focus on following tried and true methods for preventing infection for ourselves and others.

In the off chance you don't already know the precautions, please visit the flu page on our web site where we have information, links and resources to help you prevent infection.

<http://www.dental.ufl.edu/Offices/News/2009-flu-information.php>

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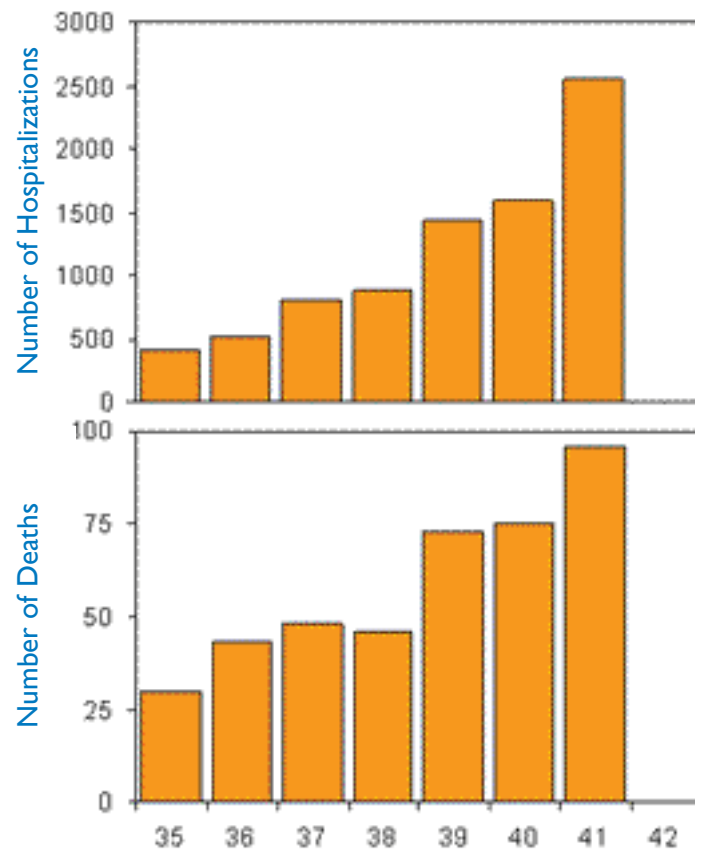
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Weekly Lab-Confirmed Flu-Associated **Hospitalizations and Deaths**

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