



## Summary of Policy Changes for Pandemic H1N1 Influenza

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For detailed information on the changes below, please refer to [www.hopkinsmedicine.org/heic/h1n1](http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/heic/h1n1)

### Summary of Changes – 10/20/2009

- JHH Influenza Statistics have been updated

A number of new documents have been added to the website:

#### Essential Forms & Summary Documents

- Respiratory Virus Procedures Summary Table for Outpatient Clinics
- Respiratory Screening Card (Spanish Version)

#### Treatment, Prophylaxis & Vaccination Guidelines

- Johns Hopkins Hospital H1N1 Vaccine Allocation Plan

#### Information for Patients, Parents and Visitors

- Adult Inpatient Patient and Visitor Handout
- Adult Inpatient Patient and Visitor Handout (Spanish Version)
- CMSC Inpatient Parent and Visitor Handout
- CMSC Inpatient Parent and Visitor Handout (Spanish Version)
- CMSC Letter to Parents on Respiratory Virus Procedures
- CMSC Letter to Parents on Respiratory Virus Procedures (Spanish Version)

#### Johns Hopkins Hospital Epidemic/Pandemic Respiratory Illness Response Plan

### *Previous Changes from 10/7/2009*

#### Visitation

- No children less than 16 years of age may visit in the Children's Center, Obstetrical Nursing Units and the Newborn Nursery.

#### Antiviral Treatment and Prophylaxis

- Antiviral prophylaxis guidelines have now been separated into two documents – one for pediatric patients and one for adults.
- Guidelines for empiric treatment of inpatients have been added to the Adult Antiviral Treatment Guidelines and the Pediatric Antiviral Treatment Guidelines.
- Prophylaxis is recommended only for healthcare workers with specific types of exposure. Please refer to the updated Antiviral Prophylaxis Guidelines for details.

#### Patient Information

- A new Patient Information Sheet has been posted under "Information for Patients, Parents and Visitors".

### *Previous Changes from 10/2/2009*

#### Patient Screening

- We have reinforced on the Respiratory Virus Summary Table that a mask is needed at triage for patients with respiratory symptoms *even if they do not have a fever*

#### Patient Testing

- Two indications for testing have been added – unexplained cardiac disease exacerbation and elderly patient with unexplained new onset malaise
- Antiviral prophylaxis is not recommended for patients without risk factors for serious complications from influenza infection.

#### Universal Masking

- We have clarified that for pediatric oncology, universal masking is required for entering any patient room, but for adult oncology, it's only required entering hematologic and BMT patient rooms.

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**Visitation**

- The following has been added regarding visitors: Anyone with respiratory symptoms but not fever should be discouraged from visiting, but if they must enter the hospital, they must put on a mask as soon as they arrive.

**Antiviral Treatment and Prophylaxis**

- Recommendations for healthcare worker prophylaxis have been modified – please refer to the Antiviral Treatment and Prophylaxis Guidelines on the HEIC website for details.

**Hospital Personnel**

- We wish to emphasize that **no one with fever may work** until 24 hours after fever has resolved (without antipyretics)
- Only those personnel who have fever AND respiratory symptoms must call Occupational Health