



Village of Skokie

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CDC Publishes Article Describing the 2009 Skokie H1N1 Vaccination Campaign

An article describing the 2009 Village of Skokie H1N1 vaccination campaign was recently published in the July 30 edition of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) Journal. Local health departments typically provide services based on jurisdictional borders; this policy presented a challenge to 2009 H1N1 vaccination campaigns. The Skokie Health Department (SHD), at the request of the state health director in Illinois, rapidly modified existing mass vaccination plans to accommodate persons in vaccine priority groups from a wide geographic area.

Skokie has a population of 67,000. SHD, with the assistance of 1,075 volunteers, either administered or distributed to medical providers 40,850 H1N1 vaccine doses during a 9-week period, including 8,904 doses administered at 52 Skokie schools and day-care facilities, and 12,876 doses at mass vaccination clinics visited by residents of nearly 200 Illinois municipalities. Overall, 54% of vaccine recipients at SHD clinics were not residents of Skokie.

The MMWR journal is distributed to every health department in the United States (about 3,000), all major libraries and universities and has a wide international readership as well. Often called "the voice of CDC," the *MMWR* series is the agency's primary vehicle for scientific publication of timely, reliable, authoritative, accurate, objective, and useful public health information and recommendations. "Most articles in the MMWR are focused on the national level, so it is quite remarkable that an article featuring the Skokie effort was published in MMWR," states Skokie Health Director Dr. Catherine Counard.

To view the article, please click on the following link:

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5929a3.htm?s_cid=mm5929a3_w.

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