

KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 21, 2009

Resolution

Proposed No. 09-10.2

1	A RESOLUTION urging community participation in
2	preparation and response to the novel influenza H1N1 in
3	ways that are consistent with the Seattle-King County
4	department of public health plans and in compliance with
5	the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and
6	Prevention.
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8	WHEREAS, the resurgence of novel influenza H1N1 is predicted for fall 2009
9	and the novel influenza H1N1 vaccine may become available locally in October, and
10	WHEREAS, the Seattle-King County department of public health is working with
11	the medical community to detect and monitor the impact of novel influenza H1N1, and
12	WHEREAS, the primary means of distributing and dispensing novel influenza
13	H1N1 vaccine will focus on adapting public health's existing childhood vaccine
14	distribution infrastructure by incorporating additional health care providers to expand
15	availability across King County, and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's current target populations for novel influenza H1N1 vaccine are pregnant women, household contacts and caregivers for children younger than six months old, healthcare workers and emergency medical services personnel, children and young adults six months through twenty-four years old and people twenty-five through sixty-four years old who have chronic health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza, and

WHEREAS, King County residents at highest risk from novel influenza H1N1 infection as identified in by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will have the opportunity to obtain H1N1 vaccination from their primary health care provider or a health care safety net provider, and

WHEREAS, individuals, families, businesses, public and private schools and health care providers in King County can take steps now to improve their ability to respond to the anticipated outbreak of novel influenza H1N1;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF KING COUNTY:

A. The board of health urges the community, including individuals, families, businesses, schools and healthcare providers to prepare to respond to an anticipated outbreak of novel influenza H1N1 in compliance with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

39	B. The board of health endorses the Seattle-King County department of public
40	health's plan to distribute and dispense the novel influenza H1N1 vaccine following the
41	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines using the county's existing
42	vaccine distribution infrastructure including health care safety net providers.
43	C. Business, community-based organizations and government agencies are
44	encouraged to adopt measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and
45	Prevention to minimize risk of disease transmission in the workplace including
46	liberalizing employee leave policy so that ill persons can remain at home and planning to
47	maintain key services.
48	D. The board of health recommends that public and private schools in King
49	County implement the current novel influenza H1N1 response measures recommended
50	by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the 2009-2010 academic year.
51	E. The board of health urges residents to protect their health and the health of
52	their families by staying home from school and work when ill and obtaining seasonal
53	influenza vaccine beginning now and novel influenza H1N1 vaccine when it becomes
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- available if they are members of one of the groups recommended for vaccination by the
- 56 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Resolution was introduced on and passed as amended by the Board of Health on 9/17/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Clark, Mr. Rasmussen, Mr. Hutchinson, Ms. Frisinger, Mr. Gossett and Mr. Licata

No: 0

Excused: 6 - Mr. Dunn, Dr. Sherman, Dr. Nicola, Ms. Manning and Dr.

Counts

BOARD OF HEALTH

KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments None