

Flu Mitigation and Immunization Requirements: Strategies for School Nurses and Promoting Collaboration

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[Pandemic Influenza/ Communicable Disease: Nurses Role in Ongoing Mitigation and Prevention](#)

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[Role of the Local Health Departments and Opportunities for Collaboration](#)

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[Guided Application to School Environment and School District](#)

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Note: Following this brief presentation participants were to reflect on their role before, during and after 2009-2010 H1N1. The **Planning Tool.doc** is intended to lead nurses through their own personal planning to prepare and mitigate for a pandemic influenza or communicable disease. (you should have received this document in your email confirmation of registration for the class)

*At the live presentation we had the health department participants and school nurses each share their roles, expertise, information/data and explore the areas for collaboration.

The most common areas for collaboration were:

- a. **Educational Materials and Posters:** Hand washing, respiratory etiquette, signs and symptoms of flu, what to do if you had the flu, etc.
- b. Sharing a **unified message** from the local department of health and the school districts to communicate with school staff, children and families.
- c. School Located Vaccination Clinics

[Immunization Update](#)

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Public School Immunization update 2011-2012

[Green Cleaning in the Nurses' Office Update](#)

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◆ **RESOURCES and Links on the following page**

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- ◆ Center for Disease Control and Prevention: *Pandemic Influenza Resources*
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/Pandemic/>
- ◆ Center for Disease Control and Prevention: *What You Should Know about Using Facemasks and Respirators*
<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/MasksRespirators/>
- ◆ Connecticut's Coordinated Approach to School Health
<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&q=320726>
- ◆ Connecticut Department of Public Health: *Connecticut Flu Watch*
<http://www.ct.gov/ctfluwatch/site/default.asp>
- ◆ Connecticut State Department of Education: *Health Promotion Services/School Nurse*
<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&q=320768>
- ◆ Health Assessment Form (Blue Form - HAR-3)
<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/deps/student/health/HAR.pdf>
- ◆ Immunization Requirements 2011-12
<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/deps/student/health/SchoolImmunizations.pdf>
- ◆ School Nurse Bulletins
<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&q=320768>
- ◆ United States Department of Health and Human Services
<http://www.pandemicflu.gov>
- ◆ World Health Organization: *Influenza*
<http://www.who.int/topics/influenza/en/>
- ◆ Connecticut Department of Public Health Guidance Document: THE NURSE'S OFFICE: CLEANING THE SAFE AND HEALTHY WAY Guidance for School Nurses
http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/deps/student/health/Nurses_Office_Cleaning.pdf
- ◆ Environmental Health Technical Brief: Hand Sanitizers
http://www.ct.gov/ctfluwatch/lib/ctfluwatch/h1n1/hand_sanitizers.pdf