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Take the Vermont H1N1 Flu Response Survey

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BURLINGTON – The Health Department is asking Vermonters to take an on-line confidential survey to help evaluate the state's response to the H1N1 flu.

“It's been a year since the start of the 2009 H1N1 flu outbreak. Thanks to the efforts of so many Vermonters, nearly one-third of the state's population has been vaccinated,” said Health Commissioner Wendy Davis, MD. “Now we are asking you to participate in the after-action assessment by taking one of our surveys.”

Links to two surveys are available at the Health Department's website – www.HealthVermont.gov, or go directly to – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TYWD5QR> for the 10-15 minute survey for Vermonters statewide.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TYCFQGD> for the 15-20 minute survey designed for state and local leaders, health, education and emergency management professionals and others who were part of the H1N1 flu response.

Responses to these surveys are confidential. Information collected will be included in an after-action report and improvement plan to strengthen the state's capacity, capabilities and coordination in dealing with flu and other public health events and emergencies.

Beginning in April 2009, the Vermont Department of Health alerted the state's health care providers, schools and response partners about the new flu virus and public health surveillance and response.

A statewide vaccination effort began in October, which included school-located clinics, public clinics and vaccinations in hospitals, medical practices and other settings.

Illness in Vermont peaked in November, with two deaths and 149 hospitalizations attributed to H1N1 flu over the past year.

As of May 1, 2010 a total of 201,900 doses of H1N1 vaccine have been administered in Vermont.

Although flu activity in Vermont is now back to normal for this time of year, the 2009 H1N1 virus continues to be a concern for public health officials nationwide and around the world. For anyone who has not yet been vaccinated, H1N1 vaccine is recommended two weeks before international travel, and the 2009 H1N1 flu virus will be included as part of the seasonal vaccine flu mix for 2010.

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