



Get Health Coverage to Uninsured Children: Conference Kicks off National Outreach Campaign

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius is calling on states and communities to join with HHS to redouble efforts to find and enroll the 5 million children who are currently eligible for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), but are not yet covered. The Secretary issued this call to action as she opened the National Children's Health Insurance Summit in Chicago, kicking off the nation's largest campaign to find and enroll uninsured children in over a decade.

For more information about free or low-cost children's health insurance, visit the newly updated and redesigned Web site www.insurekidsnow.gov or call toll-free 1-877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669). The site gives parents and caregivers information on connecting their children to health coverage through Medicaid or CHIP and also provides program information and federal guidance for states and health policy professionals. It will be available in both English and Spanish. National Children's Health Insurance Summit presentations and other conference materials can be downloaded at www.childrenshealthinsurancesummit.com.

H1N1 Flu Vaccine – Why the Delay?

Flu vaccine is the single best way to protect against influenza illness. Watch this short video to understand how flu vaccines are made, why manufacturing and shipping vaccine take so long, and how you can find flu vaccines near you. <http://www.cdc.gov/features/H1N1VaccineDelay/>

Talking to Children about the Flu (Novel H1N1): A Parent Resource

Concern over Swine Flu (H1N1) can make children and parents anxious. Although to date very few people in the United States have become sick, there is uncertainty about how far and quickly the virus will spread. Acknowledging some level of concern, without panicking, is appropriate and can result in people taking actions that reduce the risk of illness. Helping children cope with anxiety regarding the flu requires providing prevention information without causing alarm.

The National Parent Teacher Association, National Association of School Nurses, and National Association of School Psychologists suggest following the guidelines below when talking to your children about Swine Flu: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/For%20Parents/Safe%20and%20Healthy%20Family/Health/TalkingtoChildr.htm>

Sign up for the CDC H1N1 Flu Mobile Texting Pilot

In case you missed it, it's not too late to sign up! Become a part of the H1N1 Flu Mobile Texting Pilot and have important CDC information about H1N1 flu and other topics delivered directly to your mobile phone.

In September 2009, CDC launched a three-month text messaging campaign pilot to share important, timely health information directly to users. To subscribe to the pilot, text: **HEALTH to 87000**. Subscribers can expect to receive about three health messages a week during the three-month pilot. Standard text messaging rates will apply. For more information about the pilot, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/mobile>.

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