

Health Security Committee discusses vaccination issues and broader public health measures for influenza A (H1N1) 2009

The European Commission chaired today (14 August) a regular audio-conference on influenza A (H1N1)v of the EU Health Security Committee and the national contact points for communicable disease network. The items on the agenda were vaccination issues and broader public health measures for influenza A (H1N1)v. EU Member States and relevant Commission services and EU scientific agencies participated in the meeting as well as the WHO.

The Health Security Committee took note of the publication of the two statements on School Closures and Travel Advice for persons with symptoms of H1N1 infection, which were published yesterday (13 August 09)

On vaccination, the EU Health Security Committee and the national contact points still have some comments about the statement related to the vaccine strategy. Discussions will continue on this next week.

On broader public health measures, the Commission followed on discussion the main elements of the Commission Communication on influenza A (H1N1) 2009, intended to be adopted in September, and discussed in the extraordinary health council of ministers in October.

In addition, possible arrangements for EU nationals travelling for the Hadj were discussed. France has made some recommendations to its citizens.

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At the next meeting on 21 August, the agenda will include follow-up to the discussions and at the request of Netherlands, the issue of communication related to wearing masks.

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