

Measures against Novel Influenza

Overview

Measures against Novel Influenza (A/H1N1)

Main Efforts, etc.

2009	Apr. 28	WHO declared Phase 4 (sustained human-human infection) An announcement that “a novel or reemerging influenza strain, or a designated infectious disease” pursuant to the provisions of the Infectious Diseases Act had emerged was made
	Apr. 30	WHO declared Phase 5 (widespread human infection)
	May 9	The first patient discovered in a quarantine
	May 16	The first patient discovered in Japan
	June 12	WHO declared Phase 6 (further outbreak of human infection)
	Aug. 15	The first death identified in Japan
	Mid-Aug.	Start of spread of novel influenza (week 33 (week starts from August 10))
	Oct. 19	Vaccination against novel influenza (A/H1N1) commenced upon
2010	Aug. 10	WHO announced “post pandemic declaration”
	Aug. 27	Meeting of the Headquarters for Countermeasures against Novel Influenza held <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The situation with novel influenza (A/H1N1) in which the entire government needed to act in an urgent and comprehensive manner was deemed to be coming to an end and the system was therefore switched to that of ordinary infectious disease measures• In order to prepare for any re-emergence in the future the decision was made to take all possible preventive measures against it spreading, including continued implementation of the novel influenza (A/H1N1) vaccination program in winter this year
	Oct. 1	Novel influenza (A/H1N1) vaccination program commenced upon
	Nov. 24	“Comprehensive Countermeasures against Influenza in Winter this year” (Appendix) published
	Mid-Dec.	Start of spread of influenza (week 50 (week starts from December 13))
2011	Jan. 31	“Alert on Widespread of Influenza” was announced
	Mar. 31	Announcement that Novel Influenza (A/H1N1) was no longer regarded as being “a new or reemerging influenza strain, or a designated infectious disease” made

Detailed Data

Comprehensive Countermeasures against Influenza in Winter this year (November 24, 2010)

Main Content

- Information provision of countermeasures against influenza
A special website on “Comprehensive Countermeasures against Influenza in Winter this year” was established on the website of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare in thereby providing influenza Q&A and information on the situation with the spread of influenza, etc.
- Enlightenment and promotion, including “cough etiquette”
 - * Creation of posters to provide enlightenment on influenza prevention
- Establishment of consultation desks
- Implementation of preventive vaccinations
 - In addition to periodic influenza vaccinations for the elderly implemented by municipalities, a novel influenza (A/H1N1) vaccination program has been implemented by the government (since October 2010)
- Securing a supply of vaccines and therapeutic drugs
- Promotion of preventive measures against infection at facilities

Reference

Production of DVDs, booklets, and MHLW channel

“Influenza Q&A - Let’s all understand and be aware!” (YouTube)

