Swine Flu Could Hospitalize Nearly Two Million Americans this Winter

Nearly 2 million Americans could be hospitalized during this winter's novel H1N1 influenza pandemic, with as many as 300,000 clogging intensive care units in heavily affected regions, according to a report released August 24th by the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.

Overall, 20 percent to 40 percent of the population could develop symptoms of the strain commonly known as swine flu, and 30,000 to 90,000 could die, according to the report.

During a normal flu season, the virus kills about 35,000 Americans.

The numbers confirm those previously released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said CDC director Dr. Thomas R. Frieden, but he emphasized the great unpredictability of flu outbreaks and cautioned that this winter's could be much milder.

Researchers expect the high incidence of infections because the new flu is dramatically different from strains that have been circulating in recent years, so that the bulk of the population has no residual immunity.

“This isn't the flu that we are used to,” said Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, at a news conference at the CDC headquarters in Atlanta. “We won't know until we are in the middle of the flu season how serious the threat will be.”

The report also made several recommendations, including:

- A senior member of the White House staff should be responsible for coordination of all decision-making about the pandemic. The most likely candidate would be the president's homeland security advisor.

President’s Message

Greetings members and welcome to another year of NJ ASSE activities! You may feel like you know me already due to my communications of the past few months, but the calendar and the later than usual Labor Day holiday called for some early communications.

Coming up very shortly we have our 1st monthly meeting - to be held at Rutgers on September 17 - as well as the Fall PDC on September 22 at Roche in Nutley.

Before I go any further though, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge Kristin Herman’s leadership and success during her recently completed year as President. Kristin continued to raise the bar even higher as to the quality of the programs and services offered to our members, while still finding time to get married and obtain the CSP certification! Our Chapter again earned ASSE’s highest honor - the STARS award - and Kristin was rightly recognized as the NJ ASSE Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) award - thank you and congratulations Kristin!

Now, on to business. I’ll keep my message focused to 1 topic - getting involved! The Chapter cannot be successful and provide the services and opportunities our members deserve without member involvement. With 565 current members, our Chapter is larger than all but a handful of other chapters nationwide. Collectively, we have more knowledge, capability and resources than any other Chapter. Now more than ever the power that represents is needed.

This time last year as the summer vacation season had just ended and the kids went off to school

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The first officially-designated September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance will be marked by service projects in all 50 states, with tens of thousands of volunteers expected to turn out to paint and refurbish homes, run food drives, spruce up schools, reclaim neighborhoods, and support and honor veterans and first responders, according to a press release from the Corporation of National and Community Service.

“I call upon all Americans to join in service and honor the lives we lost, the heroes who responded in our hour of need, and the brave men and women in uniform who continue to protect our country at home and abroad,” said President Obama in a proclamation regarding Patriot Day and the National Day of Remembrance and Service issued yesterday. (To read the full text of President Obama’s proclamation, click here.)

“Working together, we can usher in a new era in which volunteering and more service is a way of life for all Americans. Deriving strength from tragedy, we can write the next great chapter in our Nation’s history and ensure that future generations continue to enjoy the promise of America.”

The September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance is the culmination of a seven-year effort started by 9/11 family members and support groups to establish the service day as a way to honor the victims and heroes of 9/11 and to rekindle the spirit of unity and compassion that followed the attacks. September 11 was officially recognized as a National Day of Service and Remembrance by the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, passed with strong bipartisan support and signed into law by President Obama in April.

September 11 also marks the end of the summer phase of President Obama’s United We Serve initiative and its transition to a long-term, sustained effort. Since the launch of United We Serve in June, Americans have responded enthusiastically to the President’s call to service by replenishing food banks, preventing summer reading loss, supporting veterans and military families, and meeting other needs.

Those interested in serving on September 11 can find volunteer opportunities and do-it-yourself project ideas for September 11 by visiting www.serve.gov/, the website created by the Corporation for National and Community Service to support United We Serve. The site features more than 250,000 volunteer opportunities for service throughout the year.

For the past 10-20 years industry has been able to turn a deaf ear to OSHA by and large, as the agency was muzzled by the Bush administration and has its mission muddled by the Clinton administrations attempts at “reinventing” OSHA into a friendlier, more consultative agency.

Those days are gone. Organized labor today has more friends and access at the Department of Labor than at any time since the 1970s. Both of Labor Secretary Solis’s parents were staunch union members. Acting chief Barab was a national union safety director for much of the 1980s and into the 1990s. Both Solis’s and Barab’s early speeches have been filled with “fightin’ words” to get across the message that OSHA as cop is back on the beat.

Consider this except from an August speech Barab gave to the United Steelworkers union: “After almost thirty years in this field, I find it astonishing, aggravating and insulting that we are still fighting these battles for basic workers’ rights in far too many workplaces across our nation.

“Progress has not come easy for workers in this country. Every incremental improvement in working conditions has been earned with blood and broken bones, in battles won and lost in thousands of workplaces and union halls across the country. Too many of those advances came too late, only after we counted the lives destroyed by workplace hazards that could and should have been prevented.

“As angry as I get about the sometimes maddeningly slow struggle for something as basic as protecting workers, I’m filled with hope when I see the dedicated labor and management health and safety activists in this room.”

With hot rhetoric like this, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers are on OSHA alert. In
again, I suspect none of us had inkling as to the looming financial chaos just ahead. Many Americans soon found themselves out of work, and like all other professions, ours was not spared. Almost everyone was affected in some way. Some of our friends and colleagues have unfortunately lost their jobs. Many of those fortunate enough to retain their jobs are now faced with smaller staffs and budgets, fewer resources in general, more difficulty in getting time allotted to safety activities and other organizational challenges. In recognition of these unique times, our Spring PDC was developed around “Managing You EH&S Career”, and included access to Human Resource Professionals for resume guidance.

Now, more than ever we need to pull together and be supportive of each other and our chapter. Involvement and networking leads to an improved experience for all members and may lead to potential new career opportunities for individuals. Some say the economic situation is improving and that companies may start to hire again. If so, now more than ever it’s critical to network, be known, get to know your peers in the profession and contribute with a rewarding experience at the same time!

Since my initial contact this past summer seeking members interested in joining the Executive Board, I am pleased to announce that John Marci has become our Professional Development Conference Chair. As you’ve seen recently, on September 22 our Chapter and the NJ State Industrial Safety Committee will present a full day conference on Pandemic Preparedness in NJ. John’s involvement was critical to helping us pull together this very timely topic!

You don’t have to be an Officer or Executive Board member to be involved. There are many ways you can get more involved:

- come to a meeting if you haven’t been to one in a while.
- we have 19 Executive Committee Chair positions. Some could benefit from additional assistance such as our PDC and STARS chairs. Let an E-board member know if you want to get involved.
- contact us if you would consider hosting a meeting at your plant or job site. Last year we had very informative and interesting meetings at the construction site of the new Giant’s stadium, as well as a visit outside the grounds of the World Trade Center site.
- offer to be a speaker at one of our meetings. We may not be able to accept all offers, but each offer will be given due consideration by the executive board. We are always seeking different or emerging topics, and with 565 members I suspect there are a number of outstanding sessions waiting to be heard!
- consider writing a brief article for inclusion in our monthly newsletter.
- be creative and approach us with any idea you have!

I am honored and privileged to serve as President of our Chapter. I look forward to meeting and getting to know many more of you as the year progresses. Stay involved, get involved, and let us know you’re out there! Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, comments or suggestions via email to president@njasse.org.

Respectfully,

Frank Gesualdo, CSP
President, New Jersey Chapter
American Society of Safety Engineers
Featured Product Safety Recall

Fabric Task Chair 0M96614
The back or seat post of the chair may break away from the base, posing a fall hazard to consumers.

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1 011491966140
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2 0M96614/OM-182

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September Meeting Notice

COLLEGE HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY SOCIETY (CHESS)

SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTICE
Thursday September 17, 2009

Location: Rutgers University
Cook Campus Center, Multipurpose Room C
59 Biel Rd, New Brunswick

Speakers
Dr. Alan Sherman PhD, FAIC and Charles Malaniak PG, CPG

Program
10:00 AM Registration and Networking
10:30 AM Presentation – Speakers: Dr. Alan Sherman PhD, FAIC and Charles Malaniak PG, CPG

Green Audits
- Why are Green Audits relevant to EHS?
- How to Conduct a Green Audit
- Review of the Social, Environmental and Economic Benefits
- Creating and Utilizing a Green Audit Report

11:30 PM Lunch
12:30 PM CHESS General Meeting

Cost: $25 payable to NJ CHESS, (Free for NJ CHESS members - cost is included in dues)

RSVP by September 10, 2009 to Lora Bogdany: lbogdany@cccm.edu

NJ Chapter Newsletter

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LIVE WEBCAST:
Managing Safety, Productivity and Quality to Increase Profit

Wednesday, September 16th
11:00 am - 12:30 pm CDT

REGISTER NOW
The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) today published in the Federal Register a final rule revising the personal protective equipment (PPE) sections of its general industry, shipyard employment, longshoring and marine terminals standards concerning requirements for eye- and face-protective devices, and head and foot protection.

OSHA is updating the references in its regulations to reflect more recent editions of the applicable national consensus standards that incorporate advances in technology. OSHA requires that PPE be safely designed and constructed for the tasks performed.

"Workers exposed to occupational hazards requiring head, foot, or eye and face protection will now be provided protection based on a standard that reflects state-of-the-art technology and materials," said acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA Jordan Barab. "This final rule is another step in OSHA’s efforts to update or remove references to outdated national consensus and industry standards."

Amendments to the PPE standards include a requirement that filter lenses and plates in eye-protective equipment meet a test for transmission of radiant energy such as light or infrared.

The final rule will become effective on Oct. 9. For technical inquiries, contact Ted Twardowski, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, at 202-693-2070.

OSHA Issues Final Rule Updating PPE Standards Based on National Consensus Standards

ASSE Applauds Appointment of Dr. John Howard as NIOSH Leader

In a recent press release, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), the largest and oldest safety society with more than 32,000 occupational safety, health and environmental professional members, expressed its support of the selection of Dr. John Howard as the new director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), a position he held from 2002-2008.

“ASSE is pleased that this Administration has recognized the quality leadership of Dr. John Howard and appointed him to return to lead NIOSH,” ASSE President C. Christopher Patton, CSP, said. “At NIOSH, he ably helped the talented professionals take their leadership roles in occupational safety and health and set a visionary direction for NIOSH that, with adequate resources, can address the rapidly changing risks in today’s workplaces. As it has in the past, ASSE and its member safety, health and environmental professionals look forward to working with Dr. Howard and his staff to continue to advance our understanding of workplace risks and their solutions.”

Dr. Howard will assume his new role September 8. He also served as coordinator of the U.S. Health and Human Services’ (HHS) World Trade Center Health Programs from 2006 to 2008. He will again assume a dual role and also serve as the World Trade Center Programs Coordinator for HHS.

ASSE - New Jersey Chapter Executive Committee Officers 2009-2010

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Welcome New Members!

- Eugene Blake
- Arthur Santora

NJASSE is happy to welcome our newest members. We look forward to having you at our upcoming meetings.

Visit Us on the Web
http://www.njasse.org/

Local VPP Approvals

The following New Jersey companies were approved for new or continued participation in OSHA’s Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP).

- Camden County Energy Recovery, Camden, NJ
- Parsons Washington Station, Washington, NJ
- USPS Middletown Post Office, Middletown, NJ

Particular, their lawyers are lined up waiting for the agency to make a move at revising the ergonomics rule, which Barab has said is on the table. The National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors is on record opposing Democratic-sponsored “OSHA reform” legislation that would raise enforcement penalty values and make it easier to prosecute employers at worksites where fatalities or multiple injury incidents have occurred.

If the economic climate improves during the next year, clearing skies will make it easier for OSHA to pursue an aggressive enforcement and standards agenda.
Jobs, Jobs, Jobs...

Safety and IH Professional Temporary Position
Location: Lafayette, NJ
Provides technical support regarding safety and industrial hygiene. Implements, assesses and improves NJ Safety Practices compliance through corporate policies and safe work practices. Develops understanding of operations it supports, as well as an understanding of how work practices and regulations apply to operations, hazard control and methods to be used to ensure full participation by employees. Position will support NJSP development, implementation and compliance. It will track performance metrics that confirm program status. It will conduct safety training. It will support safety teams and committees. It will provide support to accident/incident investigations. It will provide technical support to capital engineering and construction projects. Reqts: BS/BA in safety engineering, science or engineering. Certification (CSP or CIH) and/or higher-level degree is desirable. Min. 5-7 years practical safety or industrial hygiene experience. Prefer experience in the pharma industry, with associated experience in lab safety and animal research. Experience in any FDA-regulated industry may be a substitute for the pharma industry. Contact: Carmen Vitale TSC, CSP | Recruiting Mgr. | Joule Technical Staffing – 800-382-0382x507 | Fax: 732-452-1611 – 295 Pierson Avenue | Edison, NJ 08837 – cvitalee@joulenrc.com

REGIONAL MANAGER, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY
Location: New Jersey
POSITION PURPOSE: Working directly with senior leadership across functions to successfully integrate EHS into the operation of the assigned region by implementing processes, systems and procedures to prevent injuries to our associates and to facilitate and maintain regulatory compliance the facility/ies. The ultimate goal is to achieve “zero harm” to our employees and those affected by our business operations.

MAJOR TASKS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES
- Provide regional EHS leadership to (6) facilities of operational business functions to enable efficient knowledge transfer of key skills to managers, supervisors and employees.
- In conjunction with the senior leadership and the facility General Managers, develop proactive annual safety plans that provide solutions necessary to build and sustain a world-class safety culture.

For a complete description of this and other employment opportunities you are encouraged to visit our website www.njasse.org.

Safety Manager
Whole Foods Market®—Location: Englewood Cliffs, NJ

Safety Manager is responsible for planning, directing, implementing and developing lines of accountability for organizational safety programs to ensure a safe, healthy, and accident-free work environment. Working closely with multiple leaders, designs, develops and implements programs promoting a culture of safety. Regularly visits and audits stores for compliance.

Duties and Responsibilities include:
- Overall responsibility ensuring a safe environment for Team Members, Vendors and Customers.
- Plans, implements and monitors safety policies and procedures in compliance with federal, state and local regulations.
- Identify and mitigate exposure to OSHA, DOT, FDA/USDA issues.
- Develop and implement safety training programs.

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Fire Protection Engineering Department Head
10+ Years of Experience is needed and a PE License is strongly recommended. Experience in Public Works and Aviation/Transportation Industry projects is also desired. The position entails Management of Fire Protection Engineering staff, tasks include but not limited to:
- Project Management of FP Related Projects
- Technical Mentoring and Review of Dept. project
- Advanced Fire Protection Design
- Quality Control and Assurance
- Time/Workload Management of Staff
- Development of Other FP disciplines, (Code Consulting, Modeling, etc.)

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Safety Managers
Looking for multiple experienced Safety Managers for openings in both New Jersey and New York to work on Heavy Civil projects. Transit Authority and tunnel experience is a plus but not required. Some of the responsibilities will include maintaining all site required documentation related to safety issues, i.e. accident reports, inspection reports, training logs. Conducting daily safety inspections, documenting findings, and implementing corrective actions. I also have an opening for a Site Safety Manager for a Hud Project. Looking for some with at least 3-5 years experience and must have high end residential experience.

If interested please send resume to stephanie.deering@gmail.com

EHS Specialist - Product Compliance
Responsible for interpreting regulations and assisting all groups with product regulation and compliance issues. This position will focus much of its time on the CCC group of products and raw materials. The Candidate will be responsible for the efficient processing of new and existing formulas. Specific duties include North American/Internal new product and raw material evaluation including, health, safety and compliance with TSCA, NSNR, FFIRA, PCPA, CPSC, Consumer Labeling, MSDS creation and any other related regulations. The candidate will assist with the development of efficient processes, management systems, training programs and ensure compliance with applicable regulations and the development and implementation of applicable Coatings Care® (Product Stewardship) management codes. This person will actively participate in the enhancement of the EHS & Product Stewardship team.

MAJOR DUTIES AND ESSENTIAL JOB TASKS:
- Perform new product evaluations for raw materials, paint and resin products. Implement actions plans based on partnerships with key individuals.
- Provide product safety expertise (National/International) to a diverse organization, ensuring compliance and fostering new product development.
- Assist in the TSCA/NSNFR/FFIRA/International compliance program, including writing procedures and developing systems to meet compliance needs. Participate in the effort to create computer based programs for the management and distribution of MSDS’s, labels and other related product safety information.
- Provide back up for the creation and approval of Labels and MSDS’s.
- Provide back up for preparation and submission of Pre-Manufacturing Notices, NSNFR notifications or Polymer Exemption files for new products. Responsible for joint development and implementation of Product Stewardship standard operating procedures.
- Participate as required in representing the Company at trade association meetings, advisory groups and related activities.
- QUALIFICATIONS:
  - Bachelors degree in Safety, Chemistry, Occupational/Public Health and Safety, Toxicology, Environmental Science, or a related field is required.
  - 3 to 5 years of experience in Product Safety / Compliance (chemical manufacturing).
  - A strong knowledge of TSCA, DLS, FFIRA, PCPA, DOT and OSHA regulations is required. • A strong knowledge of MSDS, consumer safety regulations and product labeling is required.
  - Knowledge, training and experience in Product Stewardship are required.
  - Strong technical writing (Sop’s, etc) and computer literacy is required.
  - Strong interpersonal and verbal communication skills are required.
  - Knowledge of paint or chemical processing is required. • Training and experience working in a team environment is desirable.
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security advisor.

- The CDC’s surveillance systems should be expanded to improve the chances of detecting new variants of the virus.
- The government should accelerate production of vaccines to have them become available in the middle of September rather than the middle of October, as currently planned. That would allow an initial immunization of 40 million of the most vulnerable people, including pregnant women, health workers and children.

To achieve that goal, vaccine manufacturers should be allowed to fill vaccine vials and prepare them for shipping while they await results from the clinical trials, a process known as “fill and finish.” The process normally takes a month, and waiting for results from clinical trials before beginning it would significantly delay distribution.

Sebelius said that manufacturers have been given such permission.

She also noted that no final decision had been made about using the vaccine. But, she said, “We are anticipating moving ahead with vaccination” if the clinical trials show that it works and do not raise any questions about safety.
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