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Welcome to **NYContinuity**, a monthly publication to help you prepare for emergencies, strengthen your continuity plans, update you on emergency management news, and inform you about events and resources available to businesses in New York City.

The focus of this month's newsletter is planning for the 2009 novel H1N1 virus. The continuity feature presents three resources from OEM and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) to support your planning efforts, regardless of what stage of the process you are in. One of these resources, www.nyc.gov/flu, provides New York City-specific recommendations and detailed local information about the H1N1 virus.

This month's guest spotlight introduces the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a major public health player on the federal level, and the CDC's influenza website, www.flu.gov. Flu.gov includes planning resources for a variety of audiences and a view of H1N1 at the national level.

NYContinuity is a newsletter for small business owners and continuity professionals brought to you by the New York City Office of Emergency Management (OEM).

Continuity Feature: **Support Your Flu Plan**



OEM and DOHMH are working to support your business's planning efforts. If you are refining your plan, building your plan from scratch, or looking for the latest updates, here are three resources you should know about:

1. NYC.GOV/FLU

DOHMH has centralized the City's flu-related information and resources. Visit www.nyc.gov/flu for:

- A flu vaccine clinic locator.
- Links to H1N1-related presentations and press releases.
- Recommendations for preventing the spread of the virus.
- Information for health care providers (including employee health operations) on how to register to receive supplies of H1N1 vaccine.
- Up-to-date surveillance data showing the number of people with flu-like symptoms at local hospitals.

2. OEM's H1N1 Workplace Planning

To make it easier for individuals in the private sector to find flu planning information for businesses, OEM has compiled documents from relevant government agencies. Visit OEM's [H1N1 Workplace Planning](#) pages for strategies to prevent flu transmission in the workplace, a discussion of WHO pandemic levels and plan triggers, best practices for telecommuting, and other resources to help businesses prepare for a health emergency.



3. OEM and DOHMH 2009 H1N1 Private Sector Conference Call Series

OEM and DOHMH, with technological support from UBS, have teamed up to host a series of conference calls to support private sector H1N1 planning. The calls are open to any individual who wants to dial in.

The call topics were drawn from responses to the *2009 H1N1 Private Sector Information-Sharing Survey* ([view the results](#)) conducted in late August. Previous calls provided: an overview of NYC's H1N1 planning efforts; a discussion of mental health considerations for employers; and a presentation regarding the seasonal and H1N1 vaccines. [Materials](#) from the calls are available on OEM's website.

An invitation to the next call will be coming soon in a special NYContinuity announcement. Invitations will also be sent out through [CorpNet](#), OEM's emergency notification service for the private sector.

Upcoming Event: **DOHMH and OEM 2009 Forum for Employers: Preparing for Influenza in the Workplace**

As part of the City's efforts to support the private sector this flu season, DOHMH and OEM invite representatives of the business community to attend a free, half-day forum about preparing for seasonal and H1N1 influenza.

Four half-day sessions will be offered:

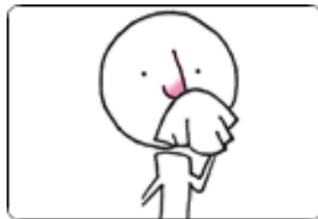
Wednesday, October 28, 2009
Session I: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Session II: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, November 4, 2009
Session I: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Session II: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The forum will be held at:

Baruch College Conference Center
55 Lexington Avenue, 14th Floor
New York, NY 10010

Please [register](#) for only one session. All sessions will include identical content.



Guest Spotlight: **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**



FLU.GOV

As part of its efforts to promote public health during the upcoming flu season, the CDC has launched www.flu.gov, a website devoted to providing information about the flu for individuals and families, community organizations, businesses, schools, and local governments. The CDC regularly issues guidance through flu.gov to help steer the response and planning activities of local health departments and other organizations. The CDC guidance for small businesses is even available in [video form](#).

To stay on top of new developments from the CDC and www.flu.gov, sign up to receive [CDC e-mail updates](#).

About the CDC

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is the federal agency responsible for supporting public health activities in the United States.

Housed under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the CDC includes the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, as well as coordinating centers for environmental health and injury prevention, health information and service, health promotion, infectious diseases, global health, and terrorism preparedness and emergency response.

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Sincerely,
The NYContinuity Team

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