



West Virginia

# EPI-LOG

## Health departments vaccinating H1N1 target groups differently ... and correctly

Many residents of West Virginia have been questioning why H1N1 vaccination efforts across the state differ from locality to locality. Residents have been sharing concerns about why one health department is vaccinating one group of individuals and others are vaccinating different groups. The answer is that as long as individuals within the H1N1 (swine) flu target population group are being vaccinated in their community, then the strategy employed by the local health department is likely correct.



Health Departments are autonomous and do not act as an arm of the state. Each health department has been instructed to reach out to target group populations in their community at highest risk for the H1N1. Health departments are receiving their H1N1 vaccine in small amounts weekly and supply is expected to increase over the coming weeks and months. Therefore careful planning and vaccine targeting early on in the vaccination efforts are crucial while supply is limited.

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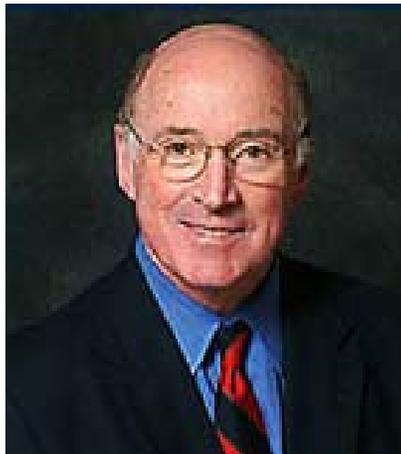
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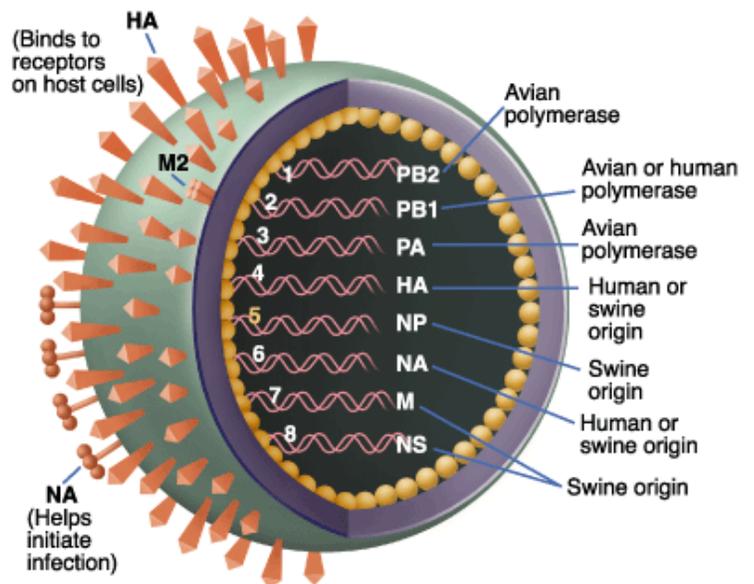


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Haddy has been serving as State Epidemiologist for nearly 30 years. As the OEPS director, she oversees five major divisions including Infectious Disease Epidemiology, TB Elimination, Immunization Prevention Services, STD, HIV & Hepatitis, Cancer Epidemiology and Hemophilia.

In 2008, Dr. Haddy was selected as the Outstanding Lab-Epi Person for that selection of the West Virginia Public Health Association in 2008. She currently serves as that group's President.

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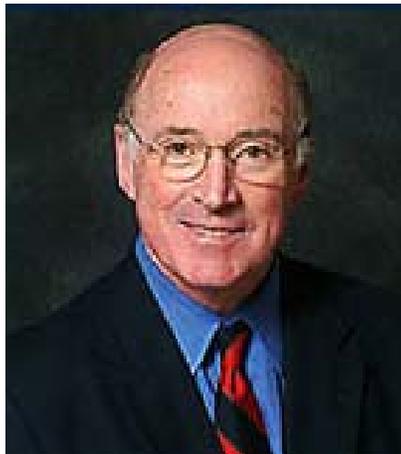
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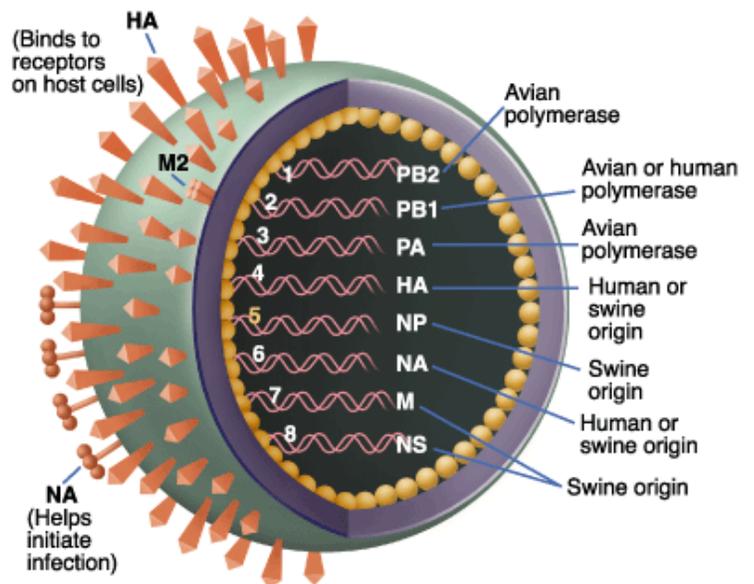


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