



MLS Laboratory Update #20
H1N1 - Oseltamivir Resistant Viruses
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H1N1 - Oseltamivir Resistant Viruses - CDC Health Advisory:
Three Reports of Oseltamivir Resistant Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Viruses

Summary: On July 7, 2009 the World Health Organization announced the identification of a third person with oseltamivir resistant novel H1N1 virus infection.

All three people fully recovered after uncomplicated illnesses and did not have contact with each other. Two of the three people are reported to have developed illness while taking oseltamivir preventatively after an exposure to a close contact with novel influenza A (H1N1). The third person had no known exposure to oseltamivir.

Results from ongoing testing of novel influenza A (H1N1) viruses indicate that oseltamivir resistance remains rare.

For entire Health Advisory, go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/HAN/070909.htm>

Additional Resources

You are encouraged to sign up for MDH and CDC “What's New” H1N1 web pages to get the latest non-urgent H1N1 information.

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/new.html>

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/whatsnew.htm>

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