



To: Emergency Medical Alert Network (EMAN) Participants
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Cluster of Influenza Type A Among Ramona School Children

Two schools from the Ramona School District reported an increase in absenteeism after sixth graders attended Camp Cuyamaca Outdoor Education. Four children have tested positive for Influenza Type A by either rapid flu test or PCR. Parents have been advised to actively monitor their children for symptoms consistent with influenza.

Local health care providers are encouraged to report any positive influenza detections to the San Diego County Public Health Laboratory (619) 692-8500. Providers are also reminded to be familiar with the new expanded CDC recommendations for influenza vaccination and prevention, which can be found in the October issue of the San Diego County Physicians Bulletin, provided on the EMAN web portal under the "News" section.

One child is currently hospitalized with MRSA pneumonia. He has tested negative for hantavirus and plague.

Thank you for your continued participation.

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