

Enterovirus D68 Outbreak

The United States is currently experiencing a nationwide outbreak of Enterovirus D68 (EV-D68) associated with severe respiratory illness. The Florida Department of Health is investigating reported increases in cases of severe respiratory illness in children. This increase could be caused by many different viruses that are common during this time of year.

Since alcohol-based hand sanitizers have been found to be ineffective against EV-D68, frequent hand washing and non-alcohol surface disinfectants are recommended. People with asthma or a history of wheezing, particularly children, are at increased risk for severe respiratory illness caused by EV-D68 infections. “Guidelines for the Care and Delegation of Care for Students with Asthma in Florida Schools” (2013) is located at <http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/childrens-health/school-health/reports-information.html>. **Flyers and posters to prevent respiratory illness are available at:**

- <http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/immunization/publications/documents/flu-respiratory-illness.pdf>
- <http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/immunization/publications/documents/flu-sneezelikeavampire.pdf>
- <http://www.henrythehand.com/>

Refer to the attached document, “Key Points – Enterovirus D68 in the United States, 2014,” for updated information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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