

Chronology of key events during the 2009 A/H1N1 pandemic in Czech Republic

Month	Day	Event
May	21	Travel recommendations and recommendations on protective measures (Ministerstvo zdravotnictví ČR, 2009a)
	25	First laboratory-confirmed case in Czech Republic (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009q)
July	31	Information on Relenza for health professionals published (Ministerstvo zdravotnictví ČR, 2009b)
August	21	Purchase agreement between GSK and Czech Republic to buy 1 million doses of Pandemrix. First delivery can be expected in week 48/2009 (Ministerstvo zdravotnictví ČR, 2009c)
	27	Questions and answers based on ECDC material published (Ministerstvo zdravotnictví ČR, 2009d)
September 2009	16	Poster on preventive measures (Ministerstvo zdravotnictví ČR, 2009e)
	23	Information on antivirals for health professionals published (Ministerstvo zdravotnictví ČR, 2009f)
October 2009	26	First fatal case was reported in the Czech Republic (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009af)
November 2009	16	Information material on vaccine and Tamiflu sent to GP (Ministerstvo zdravotnictví ČR, 2009g)
	20	Information on use and dosage of Tamiflu for hospitals published (Ministerstvo zdravotnictví ČR, 2009h) Information on vaccine for vaccination centers published (Ministerstvo zdravotnictví ČR, 2009i)
	23	Czech Republic started vaccination program (O'Flanagan et al.,

		2011)
	25	Decision on risk groups and vaccine schedule published (Ministerstvo zdravotnictví ČR, 2009j)
	Week 48	Survey result: 61% (N=1002) believed it was not likely at all or rather unlikely that they would personally catch the A/H1N1influenza; 47% stated it was not likely at all or not likely that they would get vaccinated against pandemic A(H1N1). 83% (N=1002) perceived Health professionals to be the most trusted source of information (The Gallup Organization, 2010)
December 2009	4	Reported deaths in the Czech Republic: 22 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009ai)
	9	Questions and answers on vaccination based on ECDC material published (Ministerstvo zdravotnictví ČR, 2009k)
	11	Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 34 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009aj)
	28	Reported deaths in the Czech Republic: 48 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009al)
January 2010	15	Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 83 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2010c)
February 2010	19	Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 96 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2010d)
March 2010	19	Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 98 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2010e)
August 2010	Aug	Vaccination coverage: General population 0,6% Healthcare workers 7% Pregnant women 0% (Mereckiene et al., 2012)

Chronology of key events during the 2009 A/H1N1 pandemic in Denmark

Month	Day	Event
April 2009	29	Advice against all unnecessary travel to Mexico (National Board of Health, 2009a)
		Department of Epidemiology published a guideline on the handling of suspected patients (Andersen, 2009a)
		Containment strategy (National Board of Health, 2009h)
May 2009	1	First laboratory confirmed A/H1N1 case in Denmark (National Board of Health, 2009b)
		Information hotline was set up (National Board of Health, 2009e)
	18	Advice against travel to Mexico was lifted (National Board of Health, 2009f)
		Due to the novel influenza virus A(H1N1) outbreaks, the sentinel surveillance of influenza in Denmark was maintained beyond the normal influenza season (Andersen, 2009b)
June 2009	11	Total number of cases: 11, all of which have been relatively mild. Infection in Denmark is still limited to persons who have been abroad and in some cases their immediate contacts (National Board of Health, 2009g)
July 2009	6	Board of Health has decided to change its strategy for dealing with influenza A (H1N1) from 7 July 2009. Concentrating now on the treatment of those who are at risk and preventive treatment for people at risk (Andersen, 2009c; National Board of Health, 2009h)
	15	Notification regulation of suspected cases revised. The

		individual notification of suspected cases has been lifted and replaced by mandatory laboratory notification. The voluntary sentinel surveillance in primary health care which comprises submission of weekly reports and samples will be in place throughout the year (Andersen, 2009c)
September 2009	3	First death of a Danish citizen in Norway (National Board of Health, 2009i)
October 2009	1	Guidance for physicians and other health professionals on prevention measures and treatment of cases was published (National Board of Health, 2009k,2009j)
	21	Department of Epidemiology published questions and answers on pandemic vaccine (Pandemrix) (Andersen, 2009d)
	23	National Board of Health recommendations on priority groups for vaccination were published (National Board of Health, 2009m, 2009n)
November 2009	8	Denmark begins vaccination: people at risk who are under 65 years of age (National Board of Health, 2009l; O’Flanagan, Cotter, & Mereckiene, 2011)
	Week 46	Active reporting of influenza patients from all Intensive Care Units (ICUs) between week 46, 2009, and week 11, 2010 (Mølbak et al., 2011).
	11	Surveillance strategy revised (Andersen, 2009e)
	Week 48	Survey result: 58% (N=1008) believed it was not likely at all or rather unlikely that they would personally catch the A/H1N1influenza; 60% stated it was not likely at all or not likely that they would get vaccinated against pandemic A(H1N1)

		90% (N=1008) perceived Health professionals to be the most trusted source of information (The Gallup Organization, 2010)
	30	Information leaflet and radio spots on influenza A/H1N1 in English and six widely used minority languages were published (Arabic, Urdu, Bosnian, Turkish, Somali, Persian) (National Board of Health, 2009c, 2009d, 2009o)
December 2009	Early Dec.	From the beginning of December vaccination of people at risk who are over 65 years old started (National Board of Health, 2009l)
	2	Board of Health adjusted vaccination recommendations. From now on, only one dose of vaccine for patients at risk, unless they have a weakened immune system (Andersen, 2009f; National Board of Health, 2009p)
		By the end of week 48, the SSI had distributed nearly 500,000 vaccine doses, primarily to cover risk group vaccination (Andersen, 2009f)
	9	Number of reported deaths in Denmark : 16, including three outside risk groups (National Board of Health, 2009q)
	18	A/H1N1 hotline was closed down (National Board of Health, 2009r)
January 2010	6	Total number of confirmed cases: nearly 5.000 Total number of deaths: 30 Hospitalizations: 1.000 (Andersen, 2010b)
February 2010	12	The government has decided to offer the excess influenza A (H1N1) vaccines for the citizens who have not already been offered the vaccine (National Board of Health, 2010)
June 2010	9	Total number of deaths: 32 - mainly among persons with

		<p>underlying risk factors.</p> <p>Total number of vaccinated persons: 339,515, including 286,568 with chronic illness, 5,780 pregnant women and 4,073 contacts to severely immunosuppressed patients. A total of 42,859 persons from the groups of healthcare professionals and key personnel were vaccinated (Andersen, 2010a)</p>
August 2010	Aug	<p>Vaccination coverage:</p> <p>Chronic disease (<65) 20% (Mereckiene et al., 2012)</p>

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Month	Day	Event
March 2009		RKI and BZgA: Information campaign “Wir gegen Viren” was developed and launched (Martin, 2010)
April 2009	4	Outbreak of influenza-like illness started in Veracruz, Mexico (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2010a)
	15	Novel Influenza A/H1N1 identified and isolated in USA (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2009)
	24	WHO confirmed that the outbreak in Mexico was caused by a novel influenza virus (World Health Organization, 2009b)
		RKI: Teleconference with infectious disease experts of the 16 German states to assess the current situation and discuss relevant infection control measures (Robert Koch-Institute, 2010a)
	25	WHO declared the outbreak of influenza A/H1N1 in Mexico and the US as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) under IHR (2005) (World Health Organization, 2009c)
		RKI: First situation report (Daily report, published until 4.12.2009) (Robert Koch-Institute, 2009b)
	26	RKI distributed information on surveillance and control to local health authorities. The strategy was to contain the spread of the virus (Robert Koch-Institute, 2010a)
	27	Local health authorities started infection control measures at airports and distributed information leaflets for travelers (Robert Koch-Institute, 2010a)
		RKI set up an information hotline for the general public (Robert

		Koch-Institute, 2010a)
		WHO declared influenza pandemic alert phase 4 (World Health Organization, 2009d)
		First laboratory confirmed case of A/H1N1 announced in Europe. One in Spain and two in the UK (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009f)
	29	WHO declared influenza pandemic alert phase 5 (World Health Organization, 2009e)
		RKI reported first confirmed cases in Germany (Robert Koch-Institute, 2009h)
	30	The European Union agreed on a common case definition for the new pandemic virus (European Commission, 2009a)
May 2009	1	First case of secondary transmission in the UK and Germany (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009i)
		Free information hotline for the general public set up by Ministry of Health (Robert Koch-Institute, 2010a)
	3	5 cases of in country transmissions in Germany, Spain and UK (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009j)
		From week 18 onwards notification regulation for all suspected cases and deaths (Bundesministerium der Justiz, 2009)
June 2009	11	WHO raised the level of influenza pandemic alert from phase 5 to phase 6 (World Health Organization, 2009h)
		WHO considered severity of pandemic to be moderate (World Health Organization, 2009i)
July 2009	13	Notification regulation of suspected cases revised. From week 29 onwards suspected cases did not have to be reported to state health authorities or RKI anymore; only to regional health

		authorities (Robert Koch-Institute, 2010a)
	15	Information campaign started (Die Beauftragte der Bundesregierung für Migration, Flüchtlinge und Integration, 2009)
August 2009	Early	Mitigation phase began (Robert Koch-Institute, 2010a)
	17	Statutory health insurances paid costs for laboratory confirmation only for cases with severe disease or cases at risk of developing severe disease (Gilsdorf & Poggensee, 2009)
	24	In week 35 infection control measures at airports were reduced (Robert Koch-Institute, 2010a)
September 2009	25	First fatal case in Germany (Robert Koch-Institute, 2009j)
	29	Authorization of first two pandemic vaccines (Focetria & Pandemrix) by European Commission (European Commission, 2009b)
October 2009	6	Authorization of third pandemic vaccine by EC (European Commission, 2009c)
	12	RKI: STIKO recommendations on priority groups for vaccination were published (Robert Koch-Institute, 2009c)
	14	Central information homepage on H1N1 was launched (Bundesministerium für Gesundheit, 2009)
	15	Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 2 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009ae)
	26	Germany began vaccination (Bundesministerium für Gesundheit, 2009)
November 2009	9	Notification regulation for suspected cases changed from week 46 onwards: Only A/H1N1 related deaths had to be reported. (Robert Koch-Institute, 2010a)

	11	Germany: 1 st Impfgipfel at the Ministry of Health (Martin, 2010)
	16	Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 16 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009ah)
	Week 47	Vaccination coverage in persons ≥ 14 years: 4,6% (N=1000) (Walter et al., 2011; Walter, Böhmer, Reiter, Krause, & Wichmann, 2012)
		Survey result: 18% (N=1000) perceived risk due to swine flu as great or partially great; 34% stated their perception of risk was low (Walter et al., 2012)
	Week 48	Survey result: 69% (N=1001) believed it was not likely at all or rather unlikely that they would personally catch the A/H1N1influenza; 62% stated it was not likely at all or not likely that they would get vaccinated against pandemic A(H1N1). 80% (N=1001) perceived Health professionals to be the most trusted source of information (The Gallup Organization, 2010)
	Week 49	Vaccination coverage in persons ≥ 14 years: 6% (Walter et al., 2011)
December 2009		Week 49: Pandemic Influenza A/H1N1 Surveillance in hospitals (PIKS) started (Buda et al., 2010)
	4	RKI stopped publishing daily reports (Robert Koch-Institute, 2009b)
	7	2 nd Impfgipfel at the Ministry of Health (Martin, 2010)
	11	Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 94 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009ak)
	Week 51	Vaccination coverage in persons ≥ 14 years: 8% (Walter et al., 2011)
		Survey result: 10% (1000) perceived risk due to swine flu as

		great or partially great (Walter et al., 2012)
January 2010	Week 2	Survey result: 10% (N=1000) perceived risk due to swine flu as great or partially great (Walter et al., 2012)
	15	Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 176 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2010c)
February 2010	19	Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 235 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2010d)
March 2010	Week 10	Survey result: 65% (N=4.005) stated their perception of risk was low (Walter et al., 2012)
	19	Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 253 (Buda S, Influenza-Wochenbericht CW15 (2010)(European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2010e)
April 2010	1	Pandemic Influenza A/H1N1 Surveillance in hospitals (PIKS) was terminated (Buda et al., 2010)
	26	Total number of confirmed cases: 225.729 Total number of deaths: 250 Hospitalizations: 7.882 (Buda et al., 2010)
August 2010	Aug	Vaccination coverage: General population 8% Healthcare workers 16% Chronic disease (<65) 12% Pregnant women 9% (Mereckiene et al., 2012)
	10	WHO Director-General: World is no longer in a pandemic (World Health Organization, 2010c)

Chronology of key events during the 2009 A/H1N1 pandemic in Spain

Month	Day	Event
April 2009	4	Outbreak of influenza-like illness started in Veracruz, Mexico (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2010a)
	15	Novel Influenza A/H1N1 identified and isolated in USA (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2009)
	24	WHO confirmed that the outbreak in Mexico was caused by a novel influenza virus (World Health Organization, 2009b)
		The Coordinating Centre for Health Alerts and Emergencies (CCAES) at the Spanish Ministry of Health and Social Policy issued a warning to the surveillance network in its daily report (Surveillance Group for New Influenza A(H1N1) Virus Investigation and Control in Spain, 2009)
		Ministry of Health and Social Policy (MHSP) published information and advice for travelers on its website (Surveillance Group for New Influenza A(H1N1) Virus Investigation and Control in Spain, 2009)
	25	WHO declared the outbreak of influenza A/H1N1 in Mexico and the US as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) under IHR (2005) (World Health Organization, 2009c)
		National Influenza Preparedness and Response Plan activated (Surveillance Group for New Influenza A(H1N1) Virus Investigation and Control in Spain, 2009)
		CCAES distributed a case definition and protocols for infection control and management of cases and contacts (Surveillance Group for New Influenza A(H1N1) Virus Investigation and Control in Spain, 2009)

		Surveillance and disease control at airports started, meeting all flights from affected areas until 16 June (Dávila Cornejo et al., 2010)
	26	First 3 cases under investigation (Surveillance Group for New Influenza A(H1N1) Virus Investigation and Control in Spain, 2009)
	27	MHSP recommended to avoid any non-essential travel to Mexico (Surveillance Group for New Influenza A(H1N1) Virus Investigation and Control in Spain, 2009)
		WHO declared influenza pandemic alert phase 4 (World Health Organization, 2009d)
		First meeting of the Surveillance Subcommittee (Altogether 31 meetings until March 22) (Sierra Moros et al., 2010)
		First laboratory confirmed case of A/H1N1 in Spain (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009f)
		Exclusive supply of antivirals to hospitals (Ministerio de Sanidad, Política Social e Igualdad, 2010b)
	28	The Surveillance Subcommittee agreed on a protocol on case and contact management: Antivirals were offered to all cases and contacts. Isolation of cases and contacts was recommended (Santa-Olalla Peralta, Cortes García, Martínez Sánchez, et al., 2010; Sierra Moros et al., 2010)
		First meeting of the Subcommittee on Vaccines and Antivirals (SVA) (Ministerio de Sanidad, Política Social e Igualdad, 2010b)
	29	WHO declared influenza pandemic alert phase 5 (World Health Organization, 2009e)
		First case of secondary transmission (Surveillance Group for New Influenza A(H1N1) Virus Investigation and Control in Spain, 2009)

	30	The European Union agreed on a common case definition for the new pandemic virus (European Commission, 2009a)
May 2009	1	Regional Influenza laboratories started initial testing (Santa-Olalla Peralta, Cortes García, Martínez Sánchez, et al., 2010)
	7	The CSP (Comisión de Salud Pública) approved a new case definition based on the EU case definition (Surveillance Group for New Influenza A(H1N1) Virus Investigation and Control in Spain, 2009)
	11	First confirmed tertiary case. Number of confirmed cases: 98. 76 had a history of travel to Mexico (Surveillance Group for New Influenza A(H1N1) Virus Investigation and Control in Spain, 2009)
	13	CSP agreed on purchasing vaccine for 40% of the population. Enough vaccine for 18,3 million people (Ministerio de Sanidad, Política Social e Igualdad, 2010b)
	20	Case and contact management protocol updated: Antivirals will be given only to cases with severe disease, those with risk factors and contacts with risk factors. Isolation of cases should be maintained. No quarantine of contacts (Santa-Olalla Peralta, Cortes García, Martínez Sánchez, et al., 2010)
	22	First outbreak without travel history at the Military Academy of Engineering in Hoyo de Manzanares (Ministerio de Sanidad, Política Social e Igualdad, 2010a)
June 2009	11	WHO raised the level of influenza pandemic alert from phase 5 to phase 6 (World Health Organization, 2009h) WHO considered severity of pandemic to be moderate (World Health Organization, 2009i)

	26	<p>The CSP approved a surveillance strategy based on 5 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> surveillance of severe cases, the influenza surveillance through SISS (Spanish Influenza Surveillance System), the monitoring of cluster of cases with acute respiratory infection (confirmation of first cases only; case-based notification not required), monitoring of influenza or acute respiratory disease from the primary care computerized database and case-based monitoring of flu cases in the community. <p>No need of identification, monitoring or administration of prophylaxis to contacts. (Santa-Olalla Peralta, Cortes García, Martínez Sánchez, et al., 2010)</p>
July 2009	1	First fatal case in Spain (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2010a)
	27	Mitigation phase began (Sierra Moros et al., 2010)
	28	<p>Case-based monitoring of cases in the community was ceased (Ministerio de Sanidad, Política Social e Igualdad, 2010a)</p> <p>SVA agreed on population groups for antiviral treatment: cases requiring hospitalization and those at risk of complications. (approved by CSP on 29. July) (Ministerio de Sanidad, Política Social e Igualdad, 2010a)</p>
August 2009	7	AEMPS released recommendations on the use of antivirals in children under 1 year old, pregnant and breastfeeding women and people with swallowing problems (Agencia Española de Medicamentos y Productos Sanitarios, 2009a)
	14	Information campaign “Gripe A. La prevención es la mayor

		medida” started (Ministerio de Sanidad y Política Social, 2009a)
	31	Agreement on priority groups for vaccination (Ministerio de Sanidad, Política Social e Igualdad, 2010b)
September 2009	9	CSP approved surveillance strategy update: Investigation of clusters of cases only in those cases deemed necessary to make a special intervention. (Ministerio de Sanidad, Política Social e Igualdad, 2010a)
	10	Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 25 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009ac)
	29	Authorization of first two pandemic vaccines (Focetria & Pandemrix) by European Commission (European Commission, 2009b)
October 2009	1	Vaccine became available for use (Venice II)
	6	Authorization of third pandemic vaccine by EC (European Commission, 2009c)
	15	Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 43 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009ae)
	29	Regular supply of antiviral drugs in pharmacies permitted (Agencia Española de Medicamentos y Productos Sanitarios, 2009b)
November 2009	16	Vaccination campaign started (Ministerio de Sanidad y Política Social, 2009l)
		Authorization of a new pandemic vaccine Panenza in Spain (Agencia Española de Medicamentos y Productos Sanitarios, 2009c)
		Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 88 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009ah)

	21	AEMPS: Official recommendations on vaccination published (Agencia Española de Medicamentos y Productos Sanitarios, 2009d)
	Week 48	Survey result: 49% (N=1003) believed it was not likely at all or rather unlikely that they would personally catch the A/H1N1influenza; 66% stated it was not likely at all or not likely that they would get vaccinated against pandemic A(H1N1). 86% (N=1003) perceived Health professionals to be the most trusted source of information (The Gallup Organization, 2010)
December 2009	4	Surveillance Subcommittee eased the monitoring of severe cases (Ministerio de Sanidad, Política Social e Igualdad, 2010a)
	11	Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 169 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009aj)
January 2010	15	Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 271 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2010b)
February 2010	1	Case-based monitoring of severe cases was suspended (Ministerio de Sanidad, Política Social e Igualdad, 2010a)
April 2010	1	Weekly reporting of new hospitalized cases and case-based notification of fatal cases was stopped (Ministerio de Sanidad, Política Social e Igualdad, 2010a)
		Total number of reported deaths: 348 (Ministerio de Sanidad, Política Social e Igualdad, 2010a)
	15	End of vaccination campaign (Ministerio de Sanidad, Política Social e Igualdad, 2010b)
August 2010	Aug	Vaccination coverage: General population 27% Healthcare workers 12%

		Chronic disease (<65) 24% Pregnant women 9% (Mereckiene et al., 2012)
	10	WHO Director-General: World is no longer in a pandemic (World Health Organization, 2010c)

Chronology of key events during the 2009 A/H1N1 pandemic in the UK

Month	Day	Event
April 2009	4	Outbreak of influenza-like illness started in Veracruz, Mexico (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2010a)
	15	Novel Influenza A/H1N1 identified and isolated in USA (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2009)
	24	WHO confirmed that the outbreak in Mexico was caused by a novel influenza virus (World Health Organization, 2009b)
	25	WHO declared the outbreak of influenza A/H1N1 in Mexico and the US as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) under IHR (2005) (World Health Organization, 2009c)
	27	WHO declared influenza pandemic alert phase 4 (World Health Organization, 2009d)
		First two laboratory confirmed cases of A/H1N1 in the UK (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009f)
		Containment strategy (Health Protection Agency, 2009d) Initially, meeting all direct flights from Mexico. Borders were not closed, no restrictions on international or domestic travel and public mass gatherings (Hine, 2010)
	29	WHO declared influenza pandemic alert phase 5 (World Health Organization, 2009e)
		Gordon Brown announced: stockpile of antivirals was to be increased from 33.5 million to 50 million doses (Hine, 2010)
		First confirmed case in England; first UK school closure (Hine, 2010)
	30	The European Union agreed on a common case definition for the new pandemic virus (European Commission, 2009a)
		Information campaign started on TV, radio and in print media.

		Swine Flu Information Line was set up (Hine, 2010)
May 2009	1	First case of secondary transmission in the UK and Germany (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009i)
	2	HPA put in place regional Flu Response Centers (Health Protection Agency, 2010c)
	3	5 cases of in country transmissions in Germany, Spain and UK (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009j)
	6	Ministers agreed that containment phase should continue (Hine, 2010)
	11	Ministers decided to procure enough pre-pandemic vaccine for 45% of the population without waiting for Phase 6 (Hine, 2010)
	15	British Foreign& Commonwealth Office stopped to advice against all but essential travel to Mexico. Agreements for up to 90 million doses of pre-pandemic vaccines were signed (Hine, 2010)
	16	Survey result: Percentage of very or fairly worried about the possibility of catching pandemic A/H1N1: 16,6 % (N= 1173) (Rubin, Potts, & Michie, 2010)
	20	HPA recommended mass prophylaxis at schools were any pupils were affected should cease (Department of Health. Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE), 2009a)
	21	Ministers decided not to change the prophylaxis policy at schools as recommended by HPA (Hine, 2010)
	22	HPA stopped meeting flights from Mexico (Health Protection Agency, 2009a)
June 2009	1	Scottish Flu Response Center was established to relieve the pressure on NHS 24 (Hine, 2010)

	10	Ministers agreed on policy for “hot spots” (Health Protection Agency, 2010c; Hine, 2010)
	11	WHO raised the level of influenza pandemic alert from phase 5 to phase 6 (World Health Organization, 2009h) WHO considered severity of pandemic to be moderate (World Health Organization, 2009i)
	13	Total number of cases reached 1000 (Hine, 2010)
	15	First death reported in Europe; in the UK (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009t)
	16	Survey result: Percentage of very or fairly worried about the possibility of catching pandemic A/H1N1: 19,3 % (N= 1050) (Rubin et al., 2010)
	17	Ministers agreed to procure vaccine for 100% of the population (Hine, 2010) DH's Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunization (JCVI) first meeting: priority groups for vaccination were discussed (Final advice on 8 October) (Department of Health. Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, 2009a)
	26	Contracts were signed with GlaxoSmithKline and Baxter Healthcare: 132 million doses of H1N1 vaccine (2 doses for the whole UK population) (Hine, 2010)
July 2009	2	Mitigation strategy started (Health Protection Agency, 2009d)
	6	MHRA developed a web-based reporting system for use by public and healthcare professionals wanting to report adverse reactions to antivirals and when available to vaccines (Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, 2009a)
	13	Besides a few small changes, SAGE endorsed the JCVI'S advice

		concerning the priority groups for vaccination (Department of Health. Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE), 2009b)
	15	Survey result: Percentage of very or fairly worried about the possibility of catching pandemic A/H1N1: 32,9 % (N=1050) (Rubin et al., 2010)
	16	Ministers agreed that the priority groups identified by SAGE would be vaccinated (Hine, 2010) Publication of planning assumptions calculated by SAGE. Key figures: nearly 19 million cases, 2,8 million people with complications, 370.000 people hospitalized, up to 65.000 deaths (Department of Health, 2009e)
	23	National Pandemic Flu Service went live in England (Department of Health, 2009f)
	29	Ministers bought 30 million doses of additional Pandemrix vaccine to make up any possible shortfall (Hine, 2010)
August 2009	7	JCVI discussed the vaccine strategy and priority groups once more (Department of Health. Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, 2009b)
	13	UK published priority groups for the vaccination program (Department of Health, 2009g)
September 2009	3	Planning assumptions revised: reduction in hospitalization rate from 2% to 1%, reduction of upper case fatality rate from 0,35% to 0,1% (Department of Health, 2009i)
	10	Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 76 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009ac)
	13	Survey result: Likelihood of pandemic vaccine uptake (N=5175): Very likely: 31,7 %

		<p>Fairly likely: 24,4 %</p> <p>Not very likely: 19,4 %</p> <p>Very unlikely: 20,8 %</p> <p>Not sure: 3,7 % (Rubin et al., 2010)</p>
	29	Authorization of first two pandemic vaccines (Focetria & Pandemrix) by European Commission (European Commission, 2009b)
October 2009	1	Web based reporting system across England introduced to collect information on all laboratory confirmed cases admitted to NHS trusts (Health Protection Agency, 2010b)
	6	Authorization of third pandemic vaccine by EC (European Commission, 2009c)
	8	JCVI reconfirmed the priority groups for vaccination and advised on dosage of vaccine (Department of Health. Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, 2009c)
	12	SAGE discussed and agreed the JCVI recommendations (Department of Health. Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE), 2009c)
	14	Four health ministers agreed that vaccination program should start at the same time throughout the UK (Hine, 2010)
	15	Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 95 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009ae)
	21	UK begins vaccination: front-line healthcare workers and patients who fall into at-risk categories (Department of Health, 2009k)
	22	Planning assumptions revised: Reasonable worst case for the clinical attack rate was reduced from 30% to 12%. Reasonable worst case for further deaths was reduced from 19.000 to 1.000

		(Department of Health, 2009m)
November 2009	5	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency published suspected adverse reaction analysis on pandemic vaccines (Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, 2009b)
	16	Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 185 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009ah)
	19	Phase two of vaccination program announced: children over 6 months and under 5 years (Department of Health, 2009u)
	Week 48	Survey result: 49% (N=1000) believed it was not likely at all or rather unlikely that they would personally catch the A/H1N1 influenza; 37% stated it was not likely at all or not likely that they would get vaccinated against pandemic A(H1N1). 91% (N=1000) perceived Health professionals to be the most trusted source of information (The Gallup Organization, 2010)
	30	SAGE heard from its modelers that the pandemic had now effectively peaked (Department of Health. Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE), 2009d)
December 2009	11	Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 283 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2009aj)
	23	Department of Health wrote to Baxter Healthcare to stop supply of Celvapan® from 28 February (Hine, 2010)
January 2010	8	JCVI statement: vaccination of further groups of people is not recommended (Department of Health. Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, 2010)
	11	SAGE met for the last time (Department of Health. Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE), 2010)
	14	Agreement to start negotiating with GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) over

		ceasing the contract and suspending Pandemrix deliveries from 16 January (Hine, 2010)
	15	Number of reported pandemic A/H1N1 deaths: 362 (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, 2010b)
February 2010	4	Agreement that vaccination program was not extended to other healthy age groups. Strategic reserve of 15 million doses was set up (Hine, 2010)
	11	National Pandemic Flu Service was closed down (Hine, 2010)
March 2010	12	Reported deaths across the UK: 440 (Pebody et al., 2010)
	18	H1N1 (2009) swine flu vaccine provided for protection of travelers to Southern Hemisphere countries (Department of Health, 2010c)
April 2010	1	Antivirals were no longer available from national stockpiles; Swine Flu Information Line was closed down; Treatment of cases returned to business as usual (Hine, 2010)
	6	Agreement with GSK to only take deliveries of just under 35 million doses of Pandemrix® (The Secretary of State for Health, 2010)
	15	Total number of deaths: 474 (Department of Health, 2010d)
August 2010	Aug	<p>Vaccination coverage</p> <p>England:</p> <p>Chronic disease (<65) 37,6%, including pregnant women</p> <p>Children (6 month to 5) 23,6%</p> <p>Healthcare workers 40,3%</p> <p>Vaccine uptake in Wales was similar.</p> <p>Northern Ireland:</p> <p>Chronic disease (<65) 86,5%</p> <p>Children 38,3%</p> <p>Healthcare workers 47,7%</p>

		Scotland: Chronic disease (<65) 54,5% Children 44,6% Healthcare workers 55,1% (Health Protection Agency, 2010b)
	10	WHO Director-General: World is no longer in a pandemic (World Health Organization, 2010c)

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