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AIHA[®] Hosts H1N1 TeleWeb: The Second Wave – Are You Ready?

FAIRFAX, VA (September 11, 2009) — The American Industrial Hygiene Association[®] (AIHA) will host “H1N1 The Second Wave – Are You Ready?” an intermediate TeleWeb Virtual Seminar on October 8, 2009, from 2–4:30 p.m. ET.

This TeleWeb will provide an update on the status of the H1N1 pandemic and relay the latest recommendations for worker protection from a variety of international, national, provincial, state, and local governmental and professional organizations. Discrepancies between agency guidelines will be highlighted. Some results from the latest peer reviewed publications on the transmission and virulence of the agents will be discussed. Important parameters of transmission of infectious agents and influenza, in particular, will be reviewed for the field industrial hygienist to assess workplace exposure and hazard conditions when involved in discussions and decisions regarding appropriate controls.

Featured speakers are Thomas P. Fuller, ScD, CIH, MSPH, MBA, Illinois State University and John H. Murphy, BSc, MHSc, MBA, ROH, CIH, GradIOSH, Resource Environmental Associates Limited.

Fuller is assistant professor and program director of Environmental Health Sciences at Illinois State University. He is the Infection Control Project Team leader of the AIHA Health Care Working Group. He was an original member of the AIHA Pandemic Planning Team and a co-author of the guideline “The Role of the Industrial Hygienist in a Pandemic,” 2006. He is also a member of the National Disinfection Working Group funded by the Toxic Use Reduction Institute at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Murphy is president and founder of Resource Environmental Associates, an occupational and environmental health consulting firm providing services throughout Canada and the Caribbean. He holds BSc, MHSc, and MBA degrees from the University of Toronto and has 24 years of career experience. He has guided and completed significant projects on pandemic influenza risk assessment, prevention, and control for the Government of Ontario, educational institutions, and major corporations. He was the highly rated presenter of the pre-conference course “Protecting Personnel from Pandemic Influenza” at the 2009 American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition.

After the TeleWeb, attendees will be able to:

- Discuss the latest status of the H1N1 pandemic
- Identify modes of transmission, virulence, environmental viability, and routes of worker exposure
- Apply concepts in evaluating the level of risk associated with a pandemic and what actions of worker protection might be most protective
- Analyze discrepancies between various recommendations of governmental and professional organizations

TeleWeb Virtual Seminars deliver cutting-edge educational content live via the Internet and telephone from the convenience of an attendee's home or office; multiple attendees can participate for the cost of a single registration. Since TeleWebs debuted in 2000, more than 19,000 individuals have used this convenient and cost-effective format to further their education and careers. An archive copy of the TeleWeb will be available for purchase.

To register for "H1N1 The Second Wave – Are You Ready?" please call toll free at 888-410-4581, or [register online](#). AIHA members who register by September 30, 2009, can attend the TeleWeb for \$295, nonmembers for \$325. After September 30, tuition will be an additional \$100 for members and nonmembers. Every site registered will receive materials that may be duplicated for each participant. **Plus, a FREE TeleWeb archive is included per site registration!** Individuals seeking certification maintenance points must submit a separate exam processing fee (\$35) post-TeleWeb.

Please contact Cinthia Minan, AIHA's distance learning coordinator, at (703) 846-0749 or cminan@aiha.org, with questions regarding TeleWeb Virtual Seminars or AIHA's Distance Learning Program. For more information, including system requirements, please visit <http://www.aiha.org/TeleWeb.htm>.

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