

MEMO

TO: local public health units, private healthcare providers and hospitals, Indian Health Services, pharmacies, and other immunization providers

FROM: Molly Sander, MPH
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RE: Week 11: H1N1 Influenza Vaccine

DATE: December 8, 2009

Priority Groups:

Providers now may begin opening up H1N1 vaccination to healthy people ages 25 – 64 and people 65 and older. If local vaccine supplies do not allow for this, then providers may continue to vaccinate ACIP priority groups until more vaccine is available or demand has decreased.

H1N1 Vaccine Shipments:

The December 4th H1N1 vaccine allocation is anticipated to be delivered to providers from McKesson on Wednesday, December 9th.

The December 2nd H1N1 vaccine allocation will continue to be delayed through this week. The earliest it will be delivered to providers from McKesson would be Friday, December 11th. As a reminder, providers will only receive vaccine directly from McKesson, if their allocation is in 100-dose increments by vaccine type. Vaccine allocations are posted at www.ndhealth.gov/EPR/SNS/VaccineAllocations.aspx. The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) will drive the December 2nd allocation to other providers as soon as it is available.

A special December 8th allocation was made for local public health units that reported a need for H1N1 doses to vaccinate individuals within the ACIP priority groups. This allocation should be delivered from McKesson on Thursday, December 10th. The December 8th allocation is also posted on the allocation website. These health units can also still expect to receive their December 2nd allocation.

The NDDoH will be allocating additional doses of H1N1 vaccine to providers this week on Wednesday and Friday. The Wednesday allocation should be delivered to providers from McKesson by Friday, December 11th.

Weekly Estimates of H1N1 Vaccine (12/04/2009):

The federal government has again revised the estimates of H1N1 vaccine that will be allocated to states. The estimates are posted at www.ndflu.com.

H1N1 Vaccine Transfer Website:

A H1N1 influenza vaccine transfer site has been created for providers. It is available at www.ndflu.com/VaccineTransfer/. If your facility has excess H1N1 vaccine available for transfer, you can post your information and the number of doses available for transfer on the website. Providers in need of additional doses of H1N1 vaccine may contact the facilities that have posted H1N1 doses available for transfer. Once the doses are no longer available for transfer, the transferring provider should delete their posting.

When doses are physically transferred, they should also be transferred in the North Dakota Immunization Information System (NDIIS).

Providers must maintain cold chain (35 – 46 degrees Fahrenheit) when transferring H1N1 vaccine. Please pay close attention to outside temperatures.

Weekly H1N1 Provider Updates:

H1N1 Provider Updates are Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. (Central Time). Local public health units will meet with the NDDoH before hand at 9:30. All local public health units and hospitals will be connected Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. CT until 11 a.m. CT. If your facility does not want to be connected, please contact Dan Stephenson at dstephenson@nd.gov.

Connection Options:

- Videoconference – Contact the closest local public health unit or hospital to check for availability and to make a reservation.
- Teleconference – Dial 866.888.3385.
- Webcast – To watch from your computer, follow these steps:
 - Step 1 – Prior to the first time viewing an NDDoH webcast, please check that your computer has the necessary software installed. Follow the link www.ndhealth.gov/webcasthtml/preflight for a test.
 - Step 2 – Follow the link www.ndhealth.gov/WebcastHigh.aspx to view the webcast.

The video feed will start 30 minutes prior to the scheduled broadcast time. For technical support, please call 866.716.1274 (beginning at 8:30 a.m. CT). If you have any questions, please contact the North Dakota Department of Health at 701.328.1326 or icliaison@nd.gov.

Please contact the NDDoH Immunization Program with any questions at 701.328.2378 or toll-free at 800.472.2180.