

MEMO

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

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RE: Week 5: H1N1 Influenza Vaccine

DATE: October 28, 2009

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This week providers may begin administering H1N1 vaccine to household contacts and caregivers of infants younger than six months of age.

H1N1 Allocations:

- Sanofi pasteur H1N1 Fluzone® multi-dose vials will again be allocated this week for children ages 6 months through 18 years and healthcare workers. Children ages 6 months through 9 years will need two doses, separated by about 4 weeks.
- Novartis H1N1 Fluvirin® pre-filled syringes will again be allocated for pregnant women. Pregnant women may be vaccinated at any time during their pregnancy.
- H1N1 Flumist® will be allocated to providers for administration to healthy children ages 2 through 18 years. Children ages 2 through 9 years will need two doses of H1N1 Flumist®, separated by four weeks.
 - As a reminder seasonal and H1N1 Flumist® cannot be administered on the same day.
- Sanofi pasteur H1N1 Fluzone® 0.25mL pre-filled syringes will be allocated to providers for infants ages 6 through 35 months.
- Novartis H1N1 Fluvirin® multi-dose vials will be allocated for household contacts or caregivers of infants younger than six months of age (parents, siblings, childcare providers, etc.). This vaccine is approved for use in people 4 and older.

The above allocations describe how the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) is allocating vaccine to providers. If necessary, providers may choose to use any of the above vaccine types (except the 0.25mL Fluzone® syringes) on either: healthcare workers, pregnant women, children, and/or household contacts or caregivers of infants younger than six months of age. Age indications and contraindications should be followed for the various types of vaccines. The NDDoH does not recommend vaccinating additional priority groups at this time. It is the provider's responsibility to decide how many healthcare workers vs. children vs. pregnant women vs. close contacts to infants younger than six months to vaccinate. Providers may choose to prioritize children (by age or chronic medical condition) for vaccination if necessary based on the availability of vaccine locally. If vaccine supplies are limited, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that children ages 6 months through 4 years and children 5 through 18 years of age with a chronic medical condition be the highest priority for vaccination.

H1N1 allocations by provider and/or county are posted as available at www.ndflu.com.

The federal government revised the estimates for H1N1 vaccine availability again. The new estimates show slightly increased quantities of vaccine arriving in the state. These estimates are attached.

H1N1 Vaccine Shipping:

The NDDoH will continue to drive vaccine to provider offices twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The NDDoH may also drive vaccine on Wednesdays and Fridays, if some deliveries are too large to fit into one delivery. This week's vaccine deliveries will be for the multi-dose vials from the October 16th allocation and all of the October 20th and 22nd allocations. Driving vaccine to provider offices may occur for the next few weeks until new shipping supplies are available at the NDDoH. This may slightly delay the time period from when vaccine is allocated to when vaccine is delivered. Providers should allow at least 10 days to two weeks for delivery.

McKesson will continue to ship vaccine and ancillary supplies when allocations are in 100-dose increments.

Vaccine Administration Records and Vaccine Information Statements:

If your facility needs additional copies of the Vaccine Administration Record (scanning form), the Inactivated H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Information Statement (VIS), or the Live H1N1 Influenza VIS they may be ordered online at hanassets.nd.gov. Click on the "forms" link. Please pay special attention to how many forms are in each package. Each package of vaccine administration records contains 50 forms. Each package of VISs contains 100 forms. So if your facility needs 500 VISs, you would order 5 packages.

These forms will no longer be shipped along with H1N1 influenza vaccine, so providers must order them.

Ancillary Supplies:

In order to expedite the system to submit feedback about H1N1 ancillary supply kits, CDC has established a new online feedback system to receive and collect feedback regarding H1N1 Ancillary Supply Kits.

If there are issues with any H1N1 ancillary supply kit products including needles, syringes, sharps containers, or alcohol swabs, please click the link below and provide the requested details:

www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Z_2fmgbhgfsYMkVyhooOMOWw_3d_3d

This system will replace the need to send an e-mail to H1N1AncillarySup@cdc.gov that was set-up last week.

Weekly H1N1 Provider Updates:

This Friday, October 30, will be the last H1N1 vaccine provider update at 9 am (CT). You can participate this Friday at 9 am (CT) via videoconference, teleconference, or webcast. Videoconferences will mainly be held at the local public health units and some hospitals. Interested providers may contact the closest local public health unit to check for availability

and make reservation. To participate by teleconference, call 866.888.3385. To participate via webcast (watch from your computer):

1. Step 1. Prior to the first time viewing a Department of Health web cast, please check that your computer has the necessary software installed. Follow the link www.ndhealth.gov/webcasthtml/preflight for a test.
2. Follow the link www.ndhealth.gov/WebcastHigh.aspx to view the webcast. The feed will start 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time.

For technical support call 866.716.1274 (beginning at 8:30 am)

If you are unable to attend these sessions, they will be archived at www.ndhealth.gov/ET/WebcastCalendar/Default.aspx search "H1N1" or dropdown box topic "H1N1 Influenza".

Starting Friday, November 6, the H1N1 vaccine update will be combined with the H1N1 healthcare provider updates held on Fridays from 3 pm to 5 pm (CT). These updates will not be limited to vaccine information and will also include an overall provider update about the H1N1 response, including, but not limited to:

- Disease activity
- State Medical Cache, including N95 and surgical masks supplies and policies
- Antiviral supplies and policies
- Vaccine availability
- Public information
- Reporting information into Health Care Standard
- Regional Reports

The NDDoH will look for updates from health care institutions about clinical influenza activity, facility stress and facility needs, as well as take questions from participants. All local public health units and hospitals will be connected Friday from 2:30 p.m. CT until 5 p.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.

NDIIS:

The ability to scan doses administered into the NDIIS is now available. The GoScan Application is ready for download and installation. You can find the

installation instructions and install file at www.ndflu.com/goscan. Please print off the instructions and follow them exactly. Be sure you do a test scan. The NDDoH also created a short video on the use of GoScan that is accessible from the above link.

Scanners that scan using the flat bed but not the automatic document feeder are having issues communicating with GoScan. Providers should try uninstalling and re-installing the scanner to be sure they are installing the native hardware specific TWAIN driver, not the Microsoft TWAIN driver. If this does not work providers may need to look at using a different scanner. There have been issues configuring GoScan to work with a network scanner. This application is really intended for a stand alone scanner connected to a local personal computer.

Providers are recommended to scan in smaller batches of 25 – 30 forms at a time. If they receive any type of communication error while scanning they should assume the scan did not go through and should re-scan that batch.

For quality control purposes, providers should turn on the image preview in GoScan to ensure that the images coming across are legible. Have the patient use a black pen and encourage them to print legibly and stay inside of the boxes. It is very important that the phone number bubbles are filled in correctly, if not, give them a new form. Do not scan in separator pages, cover sheets, shipping labels or any other document except for the front page of the scanning form. The second page of the scanning form is for your facility's own use and should not be scanned.

H1N1 doses administered should be reported to the NDIIS within seven days of administration.

If you have technical questions about scanning, please contact Barb at 701.328.2297. If you have questions about the NDIIS, please contact the immunization program at 800.472.2180. Providers should not contact GoScan for technical assistance.

H1N1 Vaccine Questions and Answers Document for Healthcare Providers:

The NDDoH has developed a Questions and Answers document for providers based on questions received via email, phone, or on the provider updates. This document is available at www.ndflu.com.

Please feel free to contact the NDDoH Immunization Program with any questions or concerns at 701.328.3386 or toll-free at 800.472.2180.

Estimated Availability of H1N1 Vaccine for Ordering by North Dakota

UPDATED: October 23, 2009

This table shows number of doses expected to be available for ordering based on lots scheduled for release and on production forecasts from manufacturers for the next 8 weeks.

Forecasts are SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN EITHER DIRECTION and are meant for planning purposes only. Actual allocations may differ from these projections. NOT FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION

updated	sanofi pasteur	sanofi pasteur	sanofi pasteur	Novartis	Novartis	CSL	CSL	GSK	MedImmune	Weekly	Cumulative
10/23/2009	Fluzone	Fluzone	Fluzone	Fluvirin	Fluvirin	Afluria	Afluria	FluLaval	FluMist	Total	Total
By end of	PFS (7.5 µg)	PFS	MDV*	PFS	MDV	PFS	MDV	MDV	Int. Sprayer		
week of:	6 - 35 mo	≥ 3 yr	≥ 6 mo	≥ 4 yr	≥ 4 yr	≥ 18 yr	≥ 18 yr	≥ 18 yr	2 - 49 yr		
10/02/09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,946	4,946	4,946
10/09/09	0	0	6,544	382	0	0	0	0	4,237	11,164	16,110
10/16/09	0	0	6,085	699	0	0	0	0	2,809	9,592	25,702
10/23/09	0	0	3,365	1,398	0	0	0	0	2,951	7,714	33,417
10/30/09	2,740	0	9,649	3,963	2,209	641	0	0	1,866	21,069	54,485
11/06/09	2,663	0	10,651	1,247	4,233	966	0	0	4,601	24,361	78,846
11/13/09	2,701	623	0	3,740	6,857	966	665	0	1,908	17,462	96,308
11/20/09	1,870	1,247	4,364	1,247	6,650	322	0	0	2,927	18,626	114,934
11/27/09	0	2,494	0	623	7,273	0	0	0	6,234	16,624	131,558
12/04/09	1,247	2,494	17,040	623	6,026	4,156	1,039	0	6,234	38,859	170,417
12/11/09	1,247	2,494	8,520	2,701	4,987	644	0	0	6,234	26,827	197,244
12/18/09	0	2,494	1,941	1,662	7,065	0	0	0	6,234	19,396	216,640
Est. Totals										216,640	
12/25/09	0	2,909	24,936	623	5,403	644	1,559	0	6,234	42,308	258,948
01/01/10	0	3,117	16,624	4,987	5,818	0	0	0	6,234	36,781	295,729
01/08/10	0	2,909	17,871	2,701	6,857	1,288	0	0	6,234	37,861	333,590
01/15/10	0	0	0	3,325	6,857	0	0	0	6,234	16,416	350,006
Estimated Total Through 15 Jan 2010											
Totals	0	8,935	59,431	11,637	24,936	1,933	1,559	0	24,936	350,006	