

MEMO

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

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RE: North Dakota Influenza Vaccine Clinic Locator

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Effective November 3, the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) will be populating the North Dakota Influenza Clinic Locator automatically for providers who are receiving H1N1 vaccine and who haven't already populated the North Dakota Influenza Clinic Locator. In the comments section, the public will be told to contact your facility for further information about priority groups, times, etc. It is best for a facility to post their own H1N1 vaccine information in order to ensure accuracy and completeness. If by the close of business on November 3, no information has been posted to the locator by your clinic, the NDDoH will post limited information.

Providers who are receiving H1N1 vaccine need to be populating clinic information on the Influenza Vaccine Clinic Locator. The locator is available at www.ndflu.com/FluClinic.aspx. This locator is used to inform the public as to where to obtain H1N1 influenza vaccine. It is a benefit to providers to use the locator as it will reduce calls that providers are receiving at their clinic from the public. If information is available on the locator, the public will be able to view it there or contact the NDDoH Public Influenza Hotline for information about clinics, instead of contacting your office.

Providers should enter information about when clinics are occurring and who is being vaccinated, including priority groups, ages, etc. Even if your facility is calling in patients or vaccinating patients as routine visits are occurring, that information should be stated on the locator. If your facility is still only vaccinating healthcare workers, then that information should be stated in the comments section of the locator.

Providers, except for local public health units, should contact the NDDoH immediately at 701.328.4556 or toll free at 800.472.2180 if any changes need to be made to what is already posted on the Influenza Clinic Locator. Local public health units have been given access to update the Influenza Clinic Locator on their own.

Please contact the NDDoH with any questions on this issue at 701.328.2378 or toll-free at 800.472.2180.