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

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**RE:** Week 12: H1N1 Influenza Vaccine

**DATE:** December 16, 2009

This week the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) will start allocating H1N1 influenza vaccine to pharmacies who registered to receive the vaccine.

**If your facility no longer needs H1N1 vaccine or has enough vaccine for the near future, please notify the NDDoH immediately by emailing Abbi Pierce at [apierce@nd.gov](mailto:apierce@nd.gov) and myself at [msander@nd.gov](mailto:msander@nd.gov). Providers can also call 800.472.2180.**

## **Priority Groups:**

**Providers may vaccinate anyone who wishes to be vaccinated against H1N1 influenza, regardless if they are in an ACIP priority group for vaccination.** 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup> H1N1 vaccine allocations were delivered to providers from McKesson on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.** 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](http://www.ndhealth.gov/EPR/SNS/VaccineAllocations.aspx). The NDDoH will drive the December 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup> allocation to other providers on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

The NDDoH will be allocating additional doses of H1N1 vaccine to providers this week on Wednesday and Friday.

## **Weekly Estimates of H1N1 Vaccine (12/11/2009):**

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](http://www.ndflu.com).

## **Non-Safety Related Voluntary Recall of Certain Lots of Sanofi Pasteur H1N1 Pediatric (0.25 mL, for ages 6 months to 35 months) Vaccine in Pre-Filled Syringes:**

A health advisory was sent to providers on December 15<sup>th</sup> regarding a voluntary recall of certain lots of Sanofi Pasteur H1N1 pediatric 0.25mL syringes. The advisory is posted at: [www.ndhan.gov](http://www.ndhan.gov).

**Recall of Children for Second Doses of H1N1 Vaccine:**

Last week the NDDoH started recalling children ages 6 months – 9 years who are in need of a second dose of H1N1 vaccine according to the North Dakota Immunization Information System (NDIIS). The recall will be done via the telephone and will be conducted on a weekly basis.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.ndhealth.gov/webcasthtml/preflight) for a test.
  - Step 2 – Follow the link [www.ndhealth.gov/WebcastHigh.aspx](http://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](mailto:icliaison@nd.gov).

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