

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 15: H1N1 Influenza Vaccine

DATE: January 5, 2010

H1N1 Vaccine Ordering:

As of Friday, December 18, the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) is no longer allocating H1N1 vaccine to providers based on the number of doses originally pre-booked. In order to receive H1N1 vaccine, providers will need to actively place an order for vaccine using the H1N1 Vaccine Order Form.

- Any H1N1 registered provider may order vaccine.
- Providers are asked to limit submitting orders to once per week.
- Order quantity should be limited to a one week to two week supply of H1N1 vaccine.
- Providers may order Flumist®, injectable vaccine for people ages 6 – 35 months, injectable vaccine for people ages 3 – 17 years, and injectable vaccine for people ages 18 and older.
- Providers may order multi-dose vials or syringes, but will be sent what is available.
- When possible, providers who order larger quantities of H1N1 vaccine should order in 100-dose increments by vaccine type. If providers do not need larger quantities of vaccine, they may still order in 10-dose increments.
- Orders may be faxed or mailed to the NDDoH.
 - Fax: 701.328.2499
 - Division of Disease Control
2635 East Main Ave. PO Box 5520
Bismarck, ND 58506-5520
- When the NDDoH places a vaccine order on behalf of a provider, the order will be posted to the vaccine allocation website at:
www.ndflu.com/Vaccine/vaccineallocations.aspx.

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. This includes healthy individuals of any age, the elderly, and long-term care residents.

NDIIS and Scanning:

H1N1 providers should be either scanning or manually entering H1N1 doses administered into the NDIIS within seven days of administration. The scanning process is now working much better and scanned doses are being put into the NDIIS at a faster rate and with better accuracy. If scanning, providers are asked to do so on a weekly basis instead of batching weeks to months of scanning forms.

Changes to H1N1 Vaccine Ancillary Kits:

During the next several weeks, and into the latter stages of the H1N1 flu vaccine campaign, some of the ancillary supply kits that providers receive may not include the 'Influenza Vaccination Record' cards. The 'Influenza Vaccination Record' cards were initially included to enhance vaccine safety monitoring during the early stages of the H1N1 influenza vaccine campaign and they have served this purpose well.

CDC plans to continue to include the 'Influenza Vaccination Record' cards in ancillary supply kits until the remaining inventory is fully depleted. Kits without cards are beginning to be assembled for potential future use. Although they should not be shipped out until all kits containing cards have been used, it is possible that some kits without cards will be shipped before then.

Providers who enter or scan doses administered into the NDIIS will be able to print immunization records from the NDIIS.

H1N1 Influenza Surveillance:

Weekly influenza surveillance reports are posted at www.ndflu.com/DataStats/InfluenzaSummary.aspx.

Non-Safety Related Voluntary Recall of Certain Lots of Nasal Spray Influenza Vaccine Manufactured by MedImmune.

A health advisory was sent to providers on December 23rd regarding a voluntary recall of certain lots of nasal spray influenza vaccine manufactured by MedImmune. The advisory is posted at: www.ndhan.gov.

Influenza Teleconference and Webinar: January 8

MedImmune is hosting a teleconference/webinar for North Dakota providers about seasonal and H1N1 influenza vaccine on Friday, January 8 from noon to 1 pm (Central Time). The session entitled, *Intranasal and Injectable Influenza Vaccines Dispelling the Myths*, will answer common questions that providers have about influenza vaccine. The speaker is Dr. Peter MacDonald, a board-certified family physician and Medical Sciences Director for MedImmune. He completed medical school and residency in Canada, and has been a Family Practice residency program director in both Canada and the United States. Interested providers should RSVP to Darcy Wright at WRIGHTD@MEDIMMUNE.COM.

Participant Information:

Call-in number: 1-877-211-4923
Confirmation number: 49384432

The PowerPoint Webcast will be available at:
www.livemeeting.com/cc/medimmune/join?id=SWP3WQ&role=attend&pw=s.Jzg4g

or

Location: <https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/medimmune/join>

Meeting ID: SWP3WQ

Entry Code (case sensitive): s.Jzg4g

Bi-Weekly H1N1 Provider Updates:

There will no longer be regularly scheduled H1N1 provider updates on Wednesdays.
Video conferences and teleconferences will be scheduled as needed.

National Influenza Vaccination Week: January 10 – 16

National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) is January 10 – 16. NIVW is a national observance that was established to highlight the importance of continuing influenza vaccination, as well as fostering greater use of flu vaccine after the holiday season into January and beyond. For more information about NIVW visit:
www.cdc.gov/flu/NIVW/index.htm.

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