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TO: All Medical Providers and Health Care Facilities**FROM:** NYSDOH Bureau of Immunization

HEALTH ADVISORY: 2009 H1N1 Vaccine Information after Expansion of Priority Groups
Please distribute to the Infection Control Department, Medical Director, Director of Nursing,
Emergency Department, Employee Health, and all patient care areas

This advisory contains important information about your H1N1 influenza vaccine order with the New York State Health Department (NYSDOH). Please read.

Although H1N1 influenza disease in the community appears to be waning as the end of 2009 approaches, January and February are usually the peak time for influenza transmission. Prior influenza pandemics have had several waves of disease and it is very possible that another H1N1 pandemic wave will occur this winter. Therefore, the NYSDOH is continuing to encourage the use of H1N1 influenza vaccine.

To assure the broadest possible use of H1N1 vaccine, on December 10, the NYSDOH expanded H1N1 vaccine recommendations to include persons of any age with or without underlying medical conditions. Health care providers are encouraged to still offer vaccine to their patients in the priority groups (see attached) including second doses for children under age 9 years and younger. However, no opportunity should be lost to vaccinate anyone who wishes to be vaccinated.

The CDC is projecting increased supplies of H1N1 vaccine over the next two weeks. The NYSDOH should be able to place additional orders for your practice with the CDC for vaccine that will arrive by the first or second week of January.

Please check the status of your vaccine order with the NYSDOH by going to:

<https://apps.nyhealth.gov/doh2/applinks/h1n1resp/h1n1regsummary/SearchOrderHistory.jsp>

If you wish to order more vaccine, change your order or cancel your order, please call the vaccine ordering line at: 1-800 KID-SHOT.

If you still have an active order in the system, as noted on the order status page, but do not wish to receive more vaccine, you must call 1 800 KID-SHOT to cancel your order.

Also, please remember that you must account for your vaccine usage:

- **For children age 18 years and less** report vaccine usage to the New York State Immunization Information System, **and**
- **For patients older than 18 years of age** report data weekly to the State Health Department either by calling 1-800-H1N1- VAC (1-800-416-1822) **OR** going to the following website: <https://apps.nyhealth.gov/doh2/applinks/h1n1resp/dosrep/>.

Thank you for your continued commitment in ensuring the health and well-being of your patients and their families through this important public health program.

Happy Holidays!

ACIP H1N1 Vaccination Recommendations for Priority Groups

Priority Group	Vaccine Type
Pregnant women	Injection
Caregivers of infants <6 months old	LAIV* or Injection
Children and young adults aged 6 months to 24 years	LAIV* or Injection
Persons aged 25-64 years who have medical conditions that put them at risk	Injection
Health care/emergency medical service workers	LAIV* or Injection

* 2 years to 49 years with no underlying medical condition and not pregnant can receive LAIV (Live, Attenuated Intranasal Vaccine) or Injection; children 6 months to 23 months can receive injection only

