



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Attention Southern Nevada Health care Providers; sufficient supplies of H1N1 Vaccine currently exist in our community!

Influenza A (H1N1) vaccine is in sufficient supply to meet current demand. The health district encourages all health care providers to offer H1N1 vaccine to your patients. If you have not enrolled in the State Influenza Immunization Program to receive influenza vaccine, we encourage you to do so.

Shipments of H1N1 vaccine continue to be received weekly by enrolled providers in Southern Nevada. Increased production and availability in vaccine supply has resulted in vaccine being more readily available to all enrolled providers, including many local pharmacies. Providers are encouraged to provide vaccine to eligible patients that fall into one of the priority groups outlined in this message.

If you are not currently an enrolled provider and are interested in offering H1N1 vaccinations to your patients please contact the state by visiting the Nevada State Health Division's website and complete the enrollment documentation in the Healthcare Provider Enrollment Section at <http://flu.nv.gov>. If you have enrollment questions you may contact Kathie Lloyd at 775-684-3477.

Enrolled providers are reminded to enter Vaccination Administration Records (VAR) for doses administered into the WebIZ registry. All H1N1 vaccines administered on a weekly basis (Sunday - Saturday) must be reported to the State Health Division the following Monday by 12:00 PM. Providers are also reminded that children under 10 years need to get their second dose following a 28 day interval. We encourage providers to administer the 2nd dose in their offices. However, *if patients are directed to the health district to receive the second dose parents must have their child's immunization record card that documents that the first dose has been given.*

2009 H1N1 priority groups currently eligible to receive the vaccine are:

- Pregnant women
- People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel
- Persons between the ages of 6 months and 24 years old
- People ages 25-64 with chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems

H1N1 Flu Mist is indicated for healthy children and young adults who are between the ages of 2 and 50 years of age.

H1N1 Flu Mist is contraindicated for anyone in the following groups:

- Pregnant women
- Children under 2 years of age
- Adults over the age 49
- Children or adults with underlying medical conditions

For additional information about vaccine availability and the 2009 H1N1 virus call (702) 759-4636 (INFO)