

HEALTH ALERT NETWORK HEALTH DISTRICT 4

UPDATE: NOVEL INFLUENZA A/H1N1

Please circulate to all clinical and support staff as soon as possible.

Vaccine Availability & Priority Groups for Vaccination
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NOVEL INFLUENZA A/H1N1 VACCINE AVAILABILITY

Vaccine shipments are arriving in Idaho every week, but quantities are limited. Central District Health Department (CDHD) is providing vaccinations through several different community venues including Points of Dispensing sites (PODs). **For complete information on novel influenza A/H1N1, vaccination sites, dates and times call the Influenza Hotline at (208) 321-2222 or go to the CDHD website at www.cdhd.idaho.gov**

PRIORITY GROUPS FOR VACCINATION (As of October 20, 2009)

Priority groups have been narrowed due to limited vaccine in accordance with the recommendations of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and include:

- pregnant women;
- household members and caregiver contacts of children younger than 6 months of age (e.g. parents, siblings and day care providers);
- emergency medical services personnel and health care providers with direct patient contact (e.g. diagnosing or treating patients with influenza-like illness);
- persons from 6 months through 4 years of age;
- persons aged 5 through 18 years of age who have medical conditions associated with a higher risk of influenza complications.

H1N1 VACCINE AVAILABILITY

Limited quantities of vaccine are now available for EMS and health care providers in Ada, Boise, Elmore and Valley Counties. If providers would like to administer vaccine to staff or patients, a vaccine agreement must be completed with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. The form can be found at

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Health/PanFlu/H1N1%20VPA%20Packet.pdf>

Do not fill in the line for the PIN # -- it will be assigned to you. The form can be faxed to (208) 334-4914 or e-mailed to IIPH1N1Providers@dhw.idaho.gov. For questions about the agreement, contact Tamarie Olsen at 334-4949 or olsont@dhw.idaho.gov. At this time, we have no more vaccine available to distribute to health care providers for their staff. Patients wanting to be vaccinated who have questions about priority groups and when and where the vaccine may be available can be referred to CDHD's Influenza Hotline **(208) 321-2222** or CDHD's website www.cdhd.idaho.gov for information. Point of Dispensing sites (PODs) will be held throughout CDHD's four county service area. As more vaccine becomes available there will be greater opportunities for wider vaccine distribution. This will include providing vaccines to health care provider offices for their patients. Again, vaccine provider agreements must be in place before CDHD can provide vaccine to clinics. Based on current estimates, which are subject to change, we expect to have vaccine to distribute to clinics by the first week of November.

H1N1 VACCINE AVAILABILITY FOR EMS & HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Ada County

Point of dispensing clinics for only EMS and health care providers (closed to the public) may be scheduled in the future as more vaccine becomes available. In the meantime, EMS and health care providers can receive the H1N1 vaccine at the following locations.

- Starting October 24, EMS and health care providers can receive the vaccine at a public clinic offered every Saturday, until further notice. The clinics will be open 10 AM to 6 PM, or until supplies are diminished.
 - Former CompUSA at 1195 N. Milwaukee St., Boise
 - Former K-Mart store at 1001 Park Center Blvd., Boise

Boise County

- **Basin Community Health**, 3852 Hwy 21, Idaho City, (208) 392-4544
Monday-Saturday from 12:00 to 2:00 PM
- **Garden Valley Family Medicine**, 980 Banks-Lowman Hwy, Garden Valley, ID
Call for an appointment (208) 462-3533

Elmore County

- **Elmore Medical Center**, 895 N. 6th E., Mountain Home, ID
Dates and times to be announced
- **Central District Health Department**, 520 E. 8th N., Mountain Home, ID
Call for an appointment (208) 587-4407

Valley County

- **Cascade Medical Center**, 402 Old State Hwy, Cascade, ID
Dates and times to be announced
- **Central District Health Department**, 703 N. 1st Street, McCall, ID
Call for an appointment (208) 634-7194

AVAILABILITY OF ANTIVIRAL LIQUID SUSPENSION

Due to a nationwide shortage, a limited amount of oseltamavir (Tamiflu) liquid suspension from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) has been authorized for release to health care providers, hospitals and pharmacies. For information on how to obtain supplies from the SNS, contact Bryan Hopkins, ASPR/Health Care Liaison at 321-2245 or Kim Link, Program Manager, Public Health Preparedness at 321-2217.

Other supplies from the SNS including additional antiviral medications, respirators, gloves, face shields, etc. are not currently available but may be in the coming weeks.

REPORTING HOSPITALIZED H1N1 CASES AND CLUSTERS OF CASES

If a patient has a serious influenza-like illness and is hospitalized please collect a NP specimen and forward it to the Idaho Bureau of Laboratories for confirmatory testing.

Rapid influenza A diagnostic tests have limited sensitivity to detect novel influenza A/H1N1. A negative influenza A rapid test does not mean the patient is not infected with novel influenza A/H1N1.

Please report unusual clusters of ILI especially in schools, child cares or work places to the Office of Communicable Disease Control and Public Health Preparedness at 327-8625 or fax the information to 327-7100.

INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC AND MEDICAL PROVIDERS

Central District Health Department Influenza Hotline at 321-2222

Central District Health Department Website at www.cdhd.idaho.gov

Bryan Hopkins, Health Care Liaison at CDHD 321-2245

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/>

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare at

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Health/PanFluHome/tabid/871/Default.aspx.aspx>

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