

## HEALTH ALERT NETWORK HEALTH DISTRICT 4

### H1N1 VACCINE UPDATE FOR PHYSICIANS AND CLINICIANS

**Please circulate to all physicians and clinical staff.**

#### 2009 H1N1 Vaccine Availability

December 8, 2009

**On December 3, 2009 state and local public health officials agreed to make the 2009 H1N1 vaccine available to all Idahoans ages 6 months to 64 years.** Prior to this, the limited supply forced public health officials to target the 2009 H1N1 vaccine to specific priority groups. As more vaccine became available, the priority groups expanded to include more and more individuals. Although not advertised, Central District Health Department (CDHD) has decided to not deny anyone vaccine at this point because demand for vaccine has dropped and supply has started to increase over the past couple of weeks.

In addition to free vaccination clinics and school-based vaccine efforts, CDHD has begun pushing out vaccine to local pharmacies.

Physicians and clinicians who were previously provided 2009 H1N1 vaccine only for administration to patients in the priority groups may now administer the vaccine to any patient.

Physicians and clinicians in Health District 4 that have their Vaccine Provider Agreement in place and want to order more 2009 H1N1 vaccine should send their order form to the Central District Health Department. If you need an order form, or want to complete a Vaccine Provider Agreement, contact: Bryan Hopkins, ASPR Health Care

Liaison in Office of Communicable Disease Control and Public Health Preparedness  
(Monday-Thursday) at 321-2245 or [bhopkins@cdhd.idaho.gov](mailto:bhopkins@cdhd.idaho.gov).

Information on free Point of Dispensing (POD) clinics sponsored by Central District  
Health Department is available by calling the "H1N1 Influenza Hot Line" at 321-2222 or  
by going to the Department's website at [www.cdhd.idaho.gov](http://www.cdhd.idaho.gov)

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