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Memorandum

To: H1N1 Vaccine Providers

From: Christine N. Smith, Immunization Program Manager

Subject: H1N1 Vaccine Program Enrollment

Date: September 24, 2009

Your participation in the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) vaccination effort is greatly appreciated as a vital component to the H1N1 campaign. Your efforts will assist the state of Nevada in protecting the public against 2009 H1N1 Influenza.

The 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Monovalent Vaccine has been made available through the Federal Government as a means of protecting the public against 2009 H1N1 Influenza. It is being offered to providers through the State of Nevada Immunization Program.

Attached is a Provider Enrollment Agreement which specifies the conditions of participation in the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) vaccination effort. The enrollment form must be completed and signed and submitted to the State Immunization Program prior to requesting the vaccine. Enrollment will not automatically qualify a provider to receive vaccine. Allocations will be determined by vaccine availability, quantity, presentation, shipment dates and provider profiles. Please take time to complete your provider profile as it will be an integral part of the distribution process.

As the vaccine becomes available by the Manufacturers, the Center for Disease Control will allocate vaccine to every state based on population. In turn the Nevada State Immunization Program will allocate to the enrolled providers based on the provisions listed above. The vaccine is being produced by 5 manufactures and will be available in 5-6 presentations (ie; prefilled syringes, single dose vials, multidose vials, and nasal spray).

It is important for enrolled providers to understand that the H1N1 vaccine will not be allocated to the states all at once. **The vaccine will be made available as it is produced by the manufactures and we anticipate that this will be in weekly or bi-weekly allotments**

throughout the H1N1 flu season. As Nevada is notified of availability we will ensure distribution occurs.

ENROLLMENT:

- Refer to the attached “Instructions for Nevada H1N1 Provider Enrollment Forms”.
- Return completed forms by e-mail, fax or mail.
- **Each site receiving vaccine must complete a provider enrollment form** (example: Pharmacy X has 25 pharmacies that will receive vaccine directly- each ship to site must complete an enrollment form).

PROFILE:

- Complete the table designating the number of doses you will anticipate administering for the **entire** H1N1Influenza Season.
 - Designating the doses for each target group and the presentation desired.
 - Designating the maximum number of doses your storage unit can store at any one time.

RETURN COMPLETED ENROLLMENT & PROFILE

- **By e-mail, by fax, or by mail**

ORIENTATION:

- Once the program has received your completed enrollment, you will receive a call to set up a condensed site visit and orientation.
- The providers who are already enrolled in the Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program will receive the “Welcome Packet” by mail and will not receive a condensed site visit unless requested by the provider.
- Please remember the H1N1 Program is completely different from the VFC Program with different set rules.

PIN #:

- If you are already a VFC provider, you will use that same PIN number for H1N1.
- If you are a H1N1-only provider, you will be notified of your PIN number.

TARGET GROUPS:

When vaccine is first available, the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has recommended the 2009 H1N1 vaccine for the following 5 **target** groups:

- Pregnant women
- Household and caregiver contacts of children younger than 6 months of age (e.g. parents, siblings, and daycare providers)
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel
- Persons from 6 months through 24 years of age
- Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have medical conditions associated with a higher risk of influenza complications

Once providers meet the demand for vaccine among persons in these initial target groups, vaccination is recommended for all persons 25 through 64 years of age. Current studies

indicate that the risk for infection among persons age 65 or older is less than the risk for younger age groups. However, once vaccine demand among younger age groups has been met, programs and providers should offer vaccination to people 65 or older

http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/clinicians_qa.htm

VACCINE REQUEST FORM:

- The Vaccine Request form will be e-mailed as the vaccines arrive into the distributor.
- Providers must be aware that they may not receive their vaccine on the first or subsequent allotments, or get the amount they requested.
- Staff will be reviewing all orders to ensure that priority groups will receive the vaccine.
- H1N1 vaccine must be requested in lots of 100 of the same presentation
- If your facility can not use 100 doses of the same presentation, your vaccine will be shipped from the Nevada State Health Division.

ANCILLARY KITS:

- The Federal Government will purchase vaccine and supplies (syringes, alcohol swabs, sharps containers, and vaccine record cards) and distribute these at no cost to healthcare providers who make agreements with state and local public health authorities to provide the 2009 H1N1 Vaccine.
- Supplies will be shipped separately from vaccine (by the distributor) and are expected to arrive before or on the same day as vaccine.
- The supplies to be shipped will coincide with the presentation of vaccine shipped.

VIS:

The Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) is not completed yet. We will notify you when it is available. <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm>

H1N1 VACCINE:

- Vaccines used in the United States must be licensed by the FDA. The FDA approved these vaccines as a strain change to each manufacturer's FDA-approved seasonal influenza vaccine.
- Each of the manufacturers will make the Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine using its well-established, licensed egg-based manufacturing process that is used for seasonal influenza vaccine.

<http://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/Vaccines/QuestionsaboutVaccines/ucm182335.htm>

DOSES REQUIRED FOR IMMUNITY:

- Now that the vaccine has been licensed, we expect the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) to be released soon
- Currently available data suggests that children 6 months through 9 years of age have little or no evidence of protective antibodies to the pandemic (H1N1) 2009 virus (MMWR 2009; 58(19) 521-524, <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5819a1.htm>). Based on these data, children 9 years of age and younger should be administered 2 doses of the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Monovalent Vaccine.
- Adults should be administered 1 dose, as should children and adolescents 10 years of age and older, as we expect that they will respond similarly to adults.

- **Clinical studies are underway and will provide additional information about the optimal number of doses.**
<http://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/Vaccines/QuestionsaboutVaccines/ucm182335.htm>

PREP ACT:

- The State Health Division and the local health authorities are operating under the declaration of the PREP act for the “Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program”.
- The PREP Act provides compensation to individuals for serious physical injuries or deaths from pandemic, epidemic, or security countermeasures identified in a declaration issued by the Secretary pursuant to section 319F-3(b) of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act) (42 U.S.C. 247d-6d). The PREP Act which is a part of the “Department of Defense, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, and Pandemic Influenza Act of 2006” (PL 109-148), was enacted on December 30, 2005, and confers broad liability protections on covered persons, as defined in section 319F-3(i)(2) of the PHS Act, and compensation to individuals injured by the receipt of covered countermeasures, as defined in section 319F-3(i)(1) of the PHS Act, in the event of designated public health emergencies
http://www.hrsa.gov/countermeasurescomp/prep_act.htm

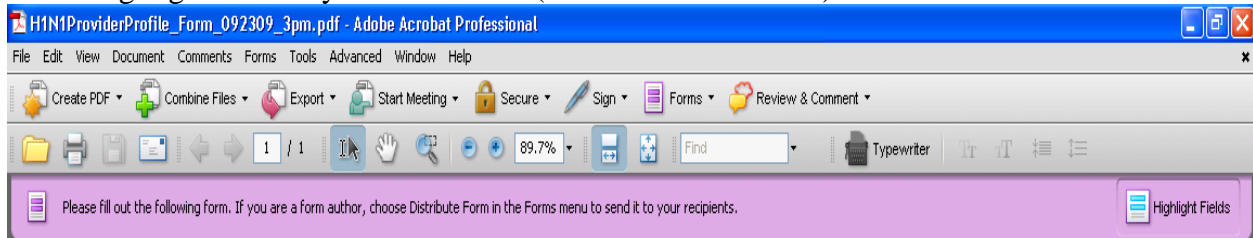


Instructions for Nevada H1N1 Provider Enrollment Forms

You will receive two forms you must fill out to enroll in the Federal Influenza A H1N1 Monovalent Vaccine Program. One form is the *Vaccine Provider Agreement* and the other is the *Provider Profile*. Each form has been provided as an interactive PDF. Below are the instructions for how to fill out the forms.

If you have Adobe Acrobat (program that allows you to edit/save PDFs):

1. Open the attached forms using Adobe Acrobat.
2. On the upper right-hand side of the purple trim it says “Highlight Fields.” Click on this to see all the highlighted areas you must fill in. (see screen shot below)



3. Fill in each highlighted field of the forms.
4. Save a copy of the form.

Click on File

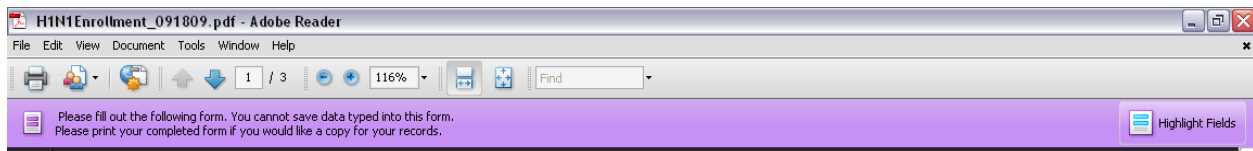
Save As/Save a Copy

Name the file and choose the destination of the file location.

5. Send an email to nviz@health.nv.gov with the completed form you saved as an attachment.
6. You can also click on the button at the bottom of the form that says “Print Form” for your records.

If you have Adobe Reader (free program that opens PDFs):

1. Open the attached forms using Adobe Reader.
2. On the upper right-hand side of the purple trim it says “Highlight Fields.” Click on this to see all the highlighted areas you must fill in. (see screen shot below)



3. Fill in each highlighted field of the forms.
4. Adobe Reader **cannot save a copy** of the form with the filled in fields. You must print the form. Click the button on the bottom of the form that says “Print Form.”
5. Send this printed form by faxing it to 775.684.8338, scanning it and emailing to nviz@health.nv.gov, or mail it to Immunization Program, 4150 Technology Way, Suite 210, Carson City, NV 89706.

If you have further questions, please call the Immunization Program at 775.684.5900.