



Nevada State Health Division
Immunization Program

Provider-H1N1 Informational Meetings
Wednesdays 12:30-1:30 pm
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Provider-H1N1 Information Meeting Minutes

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Announcements

1. The state of Nevada will receive approximately 1.6 million doses of H1N1 vaccine through January 2010 which will vaccinate approximately 50-60% of the population.
2. As of today, Nevada received about 26,000 doses of flu mist which is being distributed to the local health districts.
3. Hilary is the H1N1 vaccine manager and will be responsible for handling orders for providers who cannot handle more than 100 doses. The NSHD will act as the vaccine depot for these providers. For more questions contact Hilary at 775.684.4139.
4. CPT codes have been assigned to the H1N1 vaccines and are posted on the website <http://flu.nv.gov>.
5. The Immunization Program will host 30 minute, weekly webinars on Tuesdays and Thursdays to cover topics of vaccine storage (Tuesdays) and data collection and reporting (Thursdays). This information will be provided in the welcome packets and on the website.
6. The pre-filled syringes should be reserved for the designated target groups; 0.25 ml doses should be for 6 months-35 months and the 0.5ml doses should be for pregnant women and young children 3-6 years old.
7. Multi-dose vials should be used for everyone else in the target groups.
8. Please encourage pregnant women to get H1N1 vaccine because they are 4 times more likely to become hospitalized from H1N1 than the general population.
9. There will be a screening form in the welcome packet that will help with checking for allergies, etc.

10. There is a CDC group called COCA, which stands for Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity. Please visit their website to see presentations and call info for H1N1 providers. <http://emergency.cdc.gov/COCA/callinfo.asp>

11. The H1N1 VIS will be released Tuesday on the CDC website. The Immunization program will also post it on <http://flu.nv.gov> and on the WebIZ website.

12. WebIZ users should continue using WebIZ to report all H1N1 doses administered. Providers are encouraged to postpone entering other doses to ensure all H1N1 doses are entered as soon as possible. No consent is needed for H1N1 doses to be entered into the registry because of the state of public health emergency.

13. For non-WebIZ users, providers will receive two forms. 1) H1N1 Patient Chart Record and 2) Aggregate Doses Reporting Form. There should be two copies of the chart record made, one for the patient's file and one that is faxed/mailed to the Immunization Program. The Aggregate Doses Form needs to be completed and faxed to the Immunization Program by 5 pm on each Monday for the previous Sunday-Saturday reporting period. The forms will also be online on our website.

Question and Answer Session

Question: Which vaccine is more effective the LAIV or the dead virus?

Answer: They are both effective at creating an appropriate immune response.

Question: What are the side effects for H1N1 vaccine?

Answer: We anticipate that they are the same as seasonal flu vaccine.

Question: What can we do now that Medical Assistants (MAs) cannot administer shots?

Answer: Unfortunately this is a legal issue that the Health Division cannot advise providers on. Tuesday there will be another hearing on the subject which may provide more insight as to what can be done.

Question: If flu mist is for healthy people 2-49 years old who can we give it to?

Answer: The target group that fits that age range would be healthy people 2-24 years of age--no pregnant women though.

Question: We've been told that people with severe egg allergies cannot have the H1N1 vaccine? What makes an allergy severe?

Answer: If a person can eat eggs without a serious reaction then he/she can receive the vaccine. Also patients can consult with allergists to determine if they can be immunized.

Question: What are the doses by ages?

Answer: People 9 years of age and younger should get 2 doses of H1N1 vaccine, while people 10 years or older should receive 1 dose.

Question: How should we handle some vaccines that have latex in them?

Answer: In order to prevent allergic reactions, make sure you read the package inserts for each vaccine to determine if latex is contained in the stoppers or the syringe plungers.

Question: When filling out the provider profile, how do we determine our doses for the season?

Answer: If you have given seasonal flu last flu season estimate the same numbers based on that season. This is just an educated guess.

Question: What is the interval for the two-dose course?

Answer: The interval between doses is 28 days.

Question: Where can we get the Aggregate Doses Reporting Form?

Answer: This form will be provided in your welcome packet and online.

Question: I didn't get an enrollment form, how do I enroll?

Answer: Enrollment forms were sent via email last week but if you didn't receive one you can check the website, <http://flu.nv.gov> and download them and fill them out. One is a provider agreement and one is a provider profile. Please fill them out and submit back to nviz@health.nv.gov. Once you're enrolled, the Immunization Program can send you a welcome packet and set up an orientation with your office.

Question: I thought the first doses were to be used on health care workers and first responders?

Answer: The first allocation the state receives is going to the local health districts. They will administer the vaccine to the target groups which have been defined by the CDC.

Question: If someone comes into the clinic sick, should they receive the H1N1 vaccine?

Answer: If that person is sick and has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher s(he) should NOT receive the vaccine. That person should return when s(he) is well.