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Health Alert
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Pandemic (H1N1) 2009

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Pandemic Influenza H1N1 Vaccine is coming soon!

The California Department of Public Health and City of Berkeley Public Health Division are calling all parties interested in providing this vaccine...

- Clinics, public and private
- Community Health Centers
- Community vaccinators
- Employee health programs
- Health plans
- Hospitals
- Pharmacies, chain and independent
- Physicians
- Other vaccinators

Starting September 1, 2009, go to www.CalPanFlu.org

1. Pre-register for vaccine

Sign up to receive H1N1 vaccine as it becomes available.

Pre-registration:

- ▶ is not a binding commitment to provide vaccine
- ▶ can *only* be done by (or in conjunction with) a physician licensed to practice medicine in California
- ▶ lets California Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers use their PIN number for fast-track identification

2. Order vaccine

Vaccine is in production and currently expected to first be available by mid-October. Vaccine and basic supplies will be delivered at **no cost to you**. Providers may bill public and private insurers for vaccine administration fees.

- ▶ **HOW:** Pre-register and order early to minimize delays. (*Note: Pre-registration and ordering do not guarantee receipt of vaccine*)
- ▶ **WHEN:** Timing and amount of vaccine deliveries will depend on available inventory. First deliveries are expected by mid-October or later.
- ▶ **WHO:** Initial orders will go to vaccinators serving at-risk population groups. Other requests will be filled in turn, as supply permits.

3. Receive vaccine information and updates

- ▶ vaccine availability
- ▶ storage and handling
- ▶ training on vaccination
- ▶ the pandemic in California

4. Report your H1N1 vaccine usage

- ▶ Instructions are available to complete a simple weekly report on H1N1 vaccine at your medical practice

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