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## **NYSDOH Novel H1N1 Vaccine Survey and Update**

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*Please Distribute to Healthcare Providers, Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics, Primary Care, Infectious Diseases, Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Laboratory Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine, Critical Care, and Infection Control staff.*

- **New York State DOH pre-registration process for providers regarding novel H1N1 vaccine has begun (see <https://hcsteamwork1.health.state.ny.us/pub> for more information).**
- **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released and MMWR report entitled "Use of Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine, Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices 2009."**
- **Visit [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov) for information about novel H1N1 influenza virus including planning guides for families, schools, and businesses.**

In a letter to providers on September 14, 2009, New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) provided information about how to pre-register a medical practice (located outside of New York City) for novel influenza A (H1N1) monovalent vaccine to be administered to patients and office staff. All providers interested in receiving novel H1N1 influenza monovalent vaccine must pre-register at <https://hcsteamwork1.health.state.ny.us/pub>. This pre-registration process is designed to collect information about provider interest only, and does not obligate providers to receive/administer vaccine nor does it guarantee vaccine if supplies are limited.

The CDC's "Use of Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine, Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices 2009" report contains a summary of the clinical features of the novel virus and vaccination recommendations. The target groups for vaccination are outlined according to vaccine availability. All medical providers are encouraged to review this literature in preparation for the anticipated vaccine delivery in our community this fall.

[http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5810a1.htm?s\\_cid=ccu083109\\_H1N1VaccineUpdate\\_e](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5810a1.htm?s_cid=ccu083109_H1N1VaccineUpdate_e)

For further information about H1N1 virus, please visit [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov) or call the NYSDOH H1N1 hotline at 1-800-808-1987.

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