



Dutchess County Department of Health Public Health Alert*

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2009 H1N1 Vaccine 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.

- **H1N1 Vaccine Supply will start to be available for states to order the week of October 19th. However, vaccine will not be available all at once; it is planned to roll out through November and December and into January.**
- **Healthcare Providers MUST register in order to receive 2009 H1N1 vaccine, especially if you serve persons in the priority groups. To register to order vaccine, go to:**
<https://hcsteamwork1.health.state.ny.us/pub/top.html>
(Make sure to click on the button to accept the Federal Provider Agreement)
(Early registrants should make sure that they have done this as well)
- **Registered Providers will be able to call in orders for H1N1 vaccine beginning this Tuesday, October 20, 2009.**

New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) recently released a letter to healthcare providers (October 14) providing information and instructions regarding 2009 H1N1 vaccine supply.

NYSDOH also released the specific instructions to registered healthcare providers on Sunday, October 18 for ordering vaccine. Instructions include the day to order, the toll-free telephone number, vaccine supply list, expected delivery times, vaccine reporting, and contact information.

NYSDOH is asking for healthcare providers with orders of slightly less than 100 doses of a particular NDC to increase the order to 100 doses. NYSDOH will directly distribute to healthcare providers orders greater than 100 doses. For orders of less than 100 doses of a particular NDC, the order will be taken by the call center and provided to Dutchess County Department of Health at the end of the week. DCDOH will then place a larger order and re-distribute the lesser doses to providers within their county. Please note that this will increase the time needed to process the vaccine order.

For Providers with questions related to the 2009 H1N1 vaccine, call 1-800-KIDSHOT (1-800-543-7468). Your patients with questions about H1N1 disease or vaccine may call the NYSDOH Public Hotline at 1-800-808-1987.

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