



Dutchess County Department of Health Public Health Alert*

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DCDOH Reminds Healthcare Providers to Register for 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine and Provides Billing Codes

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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.

- Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) reminds providers to register now for 2009 H1N1 Vaccine at <https://hcsteamwork1.health.state.ny.us/pub/top.html>
- DCDOH will only be receiving and re-distributing 2009 H1N1 Flu Vaccine to health care providers who have registered.
- At this time, DCDOH is NOT providing 2009 H1N1 vaccinations. Individuals are being referred to their healthcare providers for vaccination.
- Please see the attached document for a few questions and answers regarding insurance billing concerns and codes (Released today by NYSDOH) .

Dutchess County Department of Health has been receiving a large number of inquiries from individuals seeking the 2009 H1N1 vaccine. Most have noted their provider had told them to contact the Department for vaccination.

The Department is depending on area providers to order the 2009 H1N1 vaccine to vaccinate their patients, with whom they have an established relationship and are familiar with their medical history.

Providers who register for large amounts of vaccine, will be receiving their vaccine from New York State Department of Health. Those providers with smaller needs will receive their vaccine from Dutchess County Department of Health.

On October 7th, NYSDOH released a document containing questions related to billing and coding of 2009 H1N1 vaccine for health departments. Using this document as a guide we are sharing some of the Q&As that may assist provider billing departments. Please see 3 page attachment.

DCDOH will need your assistance in order to ensure residents are vaccinated against 2009 H1N1 influenza. Please email healthinfo@co.dutchess.ny.us or call 845.486.3409 if you have any questions.

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