



Dutchess County Department of Health Public Health Advisory*

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Influenza Activity Widespread Medical Providers May Obtain Influenza Vaccine through the Dutchess County Department of Health

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

SUMMARY:

- **Latest NYS Influenza Surveillance Report for the week ending February 19th shows widespread influenza activity and lab-confirmed influenza in 55 counties plus New York City.**
- **Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) encourages providers to continue to offer vaccination for all patients ages 6 months and older.**
- **If interested, providers may contact DCDOH to obtain vaccines free of charge.**

DCDOH is offering to providers free of charge, inactivated flu vaccine, both single dose, thimerosal-free vaccine AND multi-dose formulations containing thimerosal. If a provider receives free vaccines from DCDOH, it will need to be given to patients at no cost.

If interested, please call Janice Mielich at 845-486-3409 to make arrangements for you to pick up at the DCDOH, 387 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY.

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