

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM SAN MATEO HEALTH SYSTEM ON OBTAINING PANDEMIC INFLUENZA H1N1 VACCINE

San Mateo County Health System Is Alerting Healthcare Providers, including:

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

ALL PROVIDERS WHO WISH TO RECEIVE & ADMINISTER H1N1 VACCINE TO THEIR CLIENTS MUST REGISTER AT THE CALIFORNIA DEPT. of PUBLIC HEALTH WEBSITE:
www.CalPanFlu.org

Healthcare providers in San Mateo County retain primary responsibility for vaccinating their at-risk clients in the priority groups.* The primary method for Pandemic Influenza H1N1 Vaccine distribution in San Mateo County is through the existing provider network, as it is with seasonal flu vaccine distribution.

1. Register - Sign up to receive H1N1 vaccine as it becomes available.

Registration:

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

2. Order - Vaccine is in production and currently expected to first be available 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:** Register and order early to minimize delays.
(Note: Registration and ordering does not guarantee receipt of vaccine ordered.)
- ▶ **WHEN:** The timing of deliveries and the amount of vaccine delivered will depend on available inventory. The earliest deliveries are expected mid-October, or later.
- ▶ **WHO:** Initial orders will go to provider serving identified* at-risk population groups. Other requests will be filled in turn, as supply permits.

3. Report Your H1N1 Vaccine Usage

- ▶ Your office will use the online site to make a weekly report on the H1N1 vaccine distributed at your medical practice (instructions are available when you register).

4. Additional Information and Updates will be available at www.CalPanFlu.org.

Storage Capacity Challenges: San Mateo County Health System may have limited ability to help meet vaccine storage needs for providers with capacity issues.

*Priority groups for H1N1 vaccination: *Pregnant women, people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age, healthcare and emergency medical services personnel, persons between the ages of 6 months and 24 years old, and people ages of 25 through 64 years of age who are at higher risk for novel H1N1 because of chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems. Advisory Council on Immunization Practices (ACIP)*