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Novel H1N1 Influenza Vaccine

The federal government plans to provide H1N1 (swine flu) vaccine through Washington State Department of Health (DOH) for Washington residents who wish to be voluntarily vaccinated. DOH, working with Public Health – Seattle & King County (PHSKC), is pre-registering licensed health care providers in King County who are interested in providing H1N1 vaccine. ***Pre-registration is for planning purposes and does not entail any obligation until a subsequent formal agreement is signed.*** Please note: Providers currently enrolled in the State Childhood Vaccine Program (formerly the Vaccines For Children [VFC] Program) are already pre-registered.

Pre-registration is the first step to becoming an approved H1N1 vaccine provider. There is no cost to pre-register. Pre-registration is neither a commitment to provide H1N1 vaccine nor a guarantee that you will receive H1N1 vaccine. You can find the pre-registration survey at www.doh.wa.gov/swineflu/h1n1reg.htm.

H1N1 vaccine is expected to be available in mid-October. At that time, DOH will e-mail or broadcast-fax the required H1N1 Vaccine Provider Agreement to pre-registered providers who are approved by PHSKC. The H1N1 Vaccine Provider Agreement will include the finalized terms for use of the H1N1 vaccine, ***and will require the health care provider's signature.***

Vaccine will be shipped directly to approved providers through the distributor, McKesson. Vaccine supplies (e.g., syringes, gauze squares, immunization record

cards, etc.) will also be directly shipped from McKesson but will be separate from the vaccine shipment. The minimum order will be 100 doses.

For more information about pre-registration, please visit the DOH website (www.doh.wa.gov/swineflu/h1n1reg.htm). If you have questions, please contact Public Health – Seattle & King County at 206-296-4774, or e-mail vaccineinfo@kingcounty.gov.

Immunizations Required to Attend School and Child Care/Preschool

The Washington State Immunization Law (RCW 210.080) requires that all students be properly immunized in order to attend school and child care/preschool. Children who are vaccinated according to the Recommended Immunization Schedule published by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will have received all the immunizations required for school attendance.

Each student should have a current "Certificate of Immunization Status" (CIS) form. There is now a separate "Certificate of Exemption" (COE) form, if there is a need for an exemption. These forms can be downloaded from www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/Immunize/forms/default.htm.

Tables showing the vaccines required to attend school, childcare or preschool for the 2009-2010 school year are at www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/Immunize/schools/vaccine.htm.

Who can receive HPV Vaccine from the State Childhood Vaccine Program?

As of July 1, 2009, HPV vaccine from the State Childhood Vaccine Program (SCVP) may be administered to adolescent females age 9 through 18 years who are:

- Enrolled in Medicaid,
- Enrolled in state-sponsored health plans (e.g., Healthy Options, SCHIP, CHP, Basic Health Plan),
- Uninsured,
- Underinsured, OR
- American Indian or Alaska Native.

Adolescent females with private insurance cannot receive HPV vaccine through the SCVP, and must receive a dose of purchased HPV vaccine.

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) Resources for Immunization Training

- CDC's "Immunization Update 2009," recorded on July 30, 2009, can be viewed as a web-on-demand presentation at www2a.cdc.gov/phn/webcast/immupdate2009/default.asp.
- CDC's 4-part series, "Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases," can be viewed as a web-on-demand presentation at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/epivac/default.htm. You can also order a free DVD copy of the four sessions by using CDC's online publications order form at www2a.cdc.gov/nchstp_od/PIWeb/niporderform.asp.
- CDC's Pink Book, formally titled "Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases," has been updated and the 11th edition is now available for reading or downloading online. To download chapter files of the Pink Book in PDF format, go to the chapter index at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/pink-chapters.htm. For information about ordering a print copy, go to www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/#order.



Vaccines For Children

Program News and Alerts

HIB VACCINE USAGE GUIDELINES

As announced in the June 29 Broadcast Fax (#6), providers can resume giving the 4th (booster) dose of Hib vaccine. Please note that the reinstatement of the 4th dose is due to **improved Pentacel supply**; monovalent Hib vaccine supply remains weak. Many providers will receive only Pentacel in their August shipment. Please remember:

- Do not send out recall notices. Please catch-up children at their next regularly scheduled appointment. The improved supply can not support a general recall.
- Use ActHIB (**if available**) when only a dose of Hib is needed. If DTaP and/or IPV is also needed, use Pentacel.
- When ActHIB is not available, the CDC recommends using Pentacel even when it means an extra dose of DTaP and/or IPV.
- Children who received a first, second or third dose of Hib at 15 months of age or older do not need a booster dose of Hib vaccine.

IMPORTANCE OF STATUS SCREENING

Each and every one of VFC's participating providers must screen every child for VFC eligibility. **This is extremely important in order to safeguard Washington State's Federal entitlement funding for vaccine purchase.** Providers who cannot show status screening documentation may be suspended from the VFC Program until the screening process is in place and consistently documented. Please contact the VFC Program at (206) 296-4774 **immediately**, if your clinic/practice needs help in setting up a status screening process.

THE 2009-2010 INFLUENZA SEASON

The VFC Program will send out the 2009-2010 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Request form in the last week of August via broadcast email/fax, and will then begin accepting influenza vaccine requests. Providers may wish to begin planning their orders now. Please note that we do not yet know when product will be available. The presentations for seasonal influenza vaccine this year are:

- Fluzone PF (0.25 mL single dose syringe) for all children 6-35 months of age
- Fluzone multi-dose vial (10 doses of 0.50 mL) for all children/teens 3-18 years of age; contains preservative
- FluMist (0.2 mL) live attenuated intranasal spray for all children/teens 3-18 years of age
- Fluvirin PF (0.50 mL single dose syringe) for teens up to the 19th birthday who will be pregnant during influenza season

We have more FluMist to distribute this year than before, however it is only 10% of total available influenza vaccine. Adjustments can be made in proportion of formulations received to reflect the nature of a clinic's practice (e.g., more infants, fewer teens). Please do not attempt to order FluMist only; any such requests will be adjusted to reflect the proportions listed above.

Did you know...

...about new minimum intervals for Polio vaccine?

At the June 2009 meeting of the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the committee approved the following new recommendations for polio vaccine:

- The 4-dose IPV series should continue to be administered at ages 2 months, 4 months, 6 to 18 months, and 4 to 6 years.
- The final dose in the IPV series should be administered at age ≥ 4 years **regardless of the number of previous doses.**
- The minimum interval from dose 3 to dose 4 is extended from 4 weeks to 6 months.
- The minimum interval from dose 1 to dose 2, and from dose 2 to dose 3, remains 4 weeks.
- The minimum age for dose 1 remains age 6 weeks.
- Use of the minimum age and minimum intervals for vaccine administration in the first 6 months of life are recommended only if the vaccine recipient is at risk for imminent exposure to circulating poliovirus (e.g., during an outbreak or because of travel to a polio-endemic region). ACIP is making this precaution because shorter intervals and earlier start dates lead to lower seroconversion rates.

Training Opportunities: Adolescent Immunizations

- *Improving Adolescent Immunizations: A Primer for Physicians* is designed to assist health care providers with the issues surrounding vaccinating adolescents. Key concepts include adolescent "catch up" immunizations and special adolescent populations. At the practice level, the monograph reviews topics of payment, maximizing rates of immunization, and ways to enhance relationships with adolescents and their parents. To access the CME course, go to: www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/public-health/general-resources-health-care-professionals/roadmaps-clinical-practice-series/improving-adolescent-immunizations-a-primer-physicians.shtml
- The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Division of Immunization hosted a program on *Adolescent Immunizations* on June 2, 2009. Objectives of this webcast were to provide an update on adolescent immunizations, communication tools and tips for providers, and a discussion of strategies and barriers to vaccinating adolescents. This program has now been archived online for viewing by interested individuals or organizations. Running time is 2 hours, 8 minutes. To access the webcast, go to: <http://learning.mihealth.org/mediasite/adolescentwebcast>. For related resources and handouts, go to: http://learning.mihealth.org/mediasite/adolescentwebcast_resources

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