



May 18, 2010

Dear Colleague,

The 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccination campaign reached an estimated 72-81 million individuals in the United States. The efforts of every provider who received vaccine were essential to making the program a success. As disease continues to decrease in the U.S., demand for this vaccine has steadily decreased as well. Many health care providers who received the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine have unused doses. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the U.S. Government has organized a Central Vaccine Recovery Program to recover unused doses of the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine.

The Central Vaccine Recovery Program is a voluntary program intended to recover unused doses of 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine (i.e. unopened vials/pre-filled syringes/nasal sprayers). The program has been developed with input from the necessary authorities to ensure compliance with state regulations. Only 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine products are included in this program; ancillary supplies (i.e. needles, syringes, and sharps containers) supplied by the federal government should not be returned through this recovery program.

Health care providers who received 2009 H1N1 vaccine and have signed a Provider Agreement should expect to receive more detailed information from the State Immunization Program. This will include state-specific information on how to initiate return of vaccine. States vary in their regulatory requirements for return of expired vaccines; therefore, the program is tailored to the regulatory requirements of particular states. We ask that you pay particular attention to information you will receive from your own State Immunization Program.

At this time, providers should return vaccine doses that will expire by the end of June 2010 (Novartis, CSL, and MedImmune), and should continue to store and use vaccine expiring in 2011 (sanofi pasteur vaccine in multi-dose vials). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that health care providers continue to vaccinate people who wish to be protected. In addition, providers should retain the vaccine that will expire in 2011 as a reserve, should H1N1 disease incidence result in increased demand for vaccination before seasonal vaccine becomes available in sufficient quantity. In Fall 2010 providers will have another opportunity to return the late-dated 2009 H1N1 vaccine.

Your support during this 2009-10 has been instrumental to the success of this unprecedented national vaccination program. Thank you, and please contact your Immunization Program if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Redd".

Stephen C. Redd, MD  
Rear Admiral, United States Public Health Service  
Director, Influenza Coordination Unit



June 24, 2010

**RE: Central 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Recovery Program**

Dear Health Care Provider,

Thank you for your continued efforts to vaccinate against the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus. As demand for the vaccine decreases there are some health care providers who received the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine that have unused doses. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the US Federal Government has organized a Central Vaccine Recovery Program to recover unused doses of the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine. The program has been developed with input from the necessary authorities to ensure compliance with state regulations.

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In coming weeks, health care providers who received 2009 H1N1 vaccine and have signed a Provider Agreement should expect to receive a letter with a unique provider identification number (PIN) that will be used by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Supply Service Center (SSC) to validate their participation in the Central Vaccine Recovery Program. The PIN cannot be shared and should be kept in a safe location.

**After a provider has received their PIN, they will have two weeks to contact the HHS SSC at 1-800-642-0263 between 7:00 am to 7:00 pm EST, Monday through Friday to make arrangements for pick-up of vaccine.** Providers should be prepared to give their EPA identification number. Providers will be responsible for packing their unused 2009 H1N1 vaccine vials and pre-filled syringes appropriately. Attached for your reference are additional return instructions and phone numbers.

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If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Debbye Rosen at the Immunization Program 860-509-7729.

Sincerely,

Vincent Sacco, 

Program Manager State Immunization Program

**2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine  
Central Vaccine Recovery Program Quick Reference Sheet**

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**ITEMS TO RETURN**

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**Please Return**

- Unopened and non-viable vials, pre-filled syringes, and nasal sprayers of the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine (see Tip # 3 below)

**Please DO NOT Return**

- Syringes that providers filled themselves but did not use
  - Syringes with needles attached, broken vials
  - Used or empty multi-dose vials
  - Other needles, syringes, and sharps containers supplied by the federal government
  - Other unused vaccines
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**IMPORTANT PREPARATION TIPS**

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1. Contact the HHS Supply Service Center to request a hazardous waste pick-up within two weeks of receiving notification of your Provider Identification Number (PIN). Be prepared to give your PIN, name, phone number, email address and EPA ID number (if you have one) to the HHS Supply Service Center customer service agent.
  2. A HHS contracted waste management technician will contact you within 3-5 days following the two week window to schedule pick-up of the vaccine.
  3. Prepare the vaccine for pick-up:
    - a. Render all vaccines non-viable by removing vaccine (including expired doses) from refrigeration and maintaining at room temperature for a minimum of 24 hours. Separate from other viable vaccines and label DO NOT USE.
    - b. Consolidate vaccines in a secure area. The area must be accessible to the waste management technician at the time of pick-up.
    - c. Complete the Central Vaccine Recovery Program packing slip, record the vaccine manufacturer, formulation, lot numbers, doses returned, and the date/time vaccine was removed from refrigeration. Maintain documentation with the vaccine.
  4. Staff MUST be present at the time of the scheduled pick up. The waste management technician will verify the shipment, pack the materials in containers, prepare a hazardous waste manifest and transport the vaccine using their waste containers.
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**PROVIDER IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS**

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Your unique Provider Identification Number (PIN) is an alpha-numeric code that will be mailed to in a separate letter from the HHS Supply Service Center.

**Example:      USA0987654321**

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**VACCINE RETURN DATES**

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**Vaccine Type**

- CSL , Novartis, and MedImmune vaccines
- Sanofi Pasteur multi-dose vials

**Return Date**

By July 31, 2010  
To Be Determined in Fall 2010

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**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

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**Question or Concern**

- Lost/misplaced provider identification number (PIN)
- Arrange for pick-up of vaccines

**Point of Contact**

**State Immunization Program**  
( 860        ) 509        - 7729  
**HHS Supply Service Center**  
**1-800-642-0263**  
Monday – Friday  
7:00 am to 7:00 pm EST  
<http://sscweb.psc.gov/h1n1>

## Central 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Recovery Program Packing Slip

### INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete all the required information below. This packing slip must be kept with the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine that will be returned. If you do not know your H1N1 PIN or if you have questions about this form, please call the Department of Health and Human Services, Supply Services Center at 1-800-642-0263 Monday through Friday 7:00 am to 7:00 pm EST.

### PROVIDER INFORMATION

H1N1 PIN:	DATE:	
FIRST NAME:	LAST NAME:	
CLINIC/ORGANIZATION:		
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
PHONE NUMBER:	EMAIL ADDRESS:	

### 2009 H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE INFORMATION

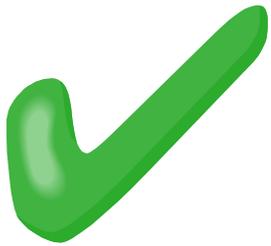
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<b>COMMENTS</b>				

**Please use additional sheets if necessary**

<sup>i</sup> MDV= Multi-dose vials (10 doses per vial); PFS = pre-filled syringes; LAIV = live attenuated influenza nasal sprayers

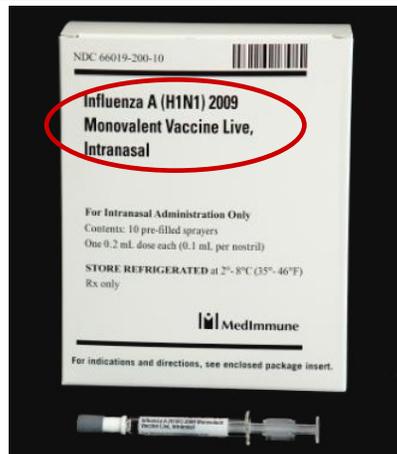
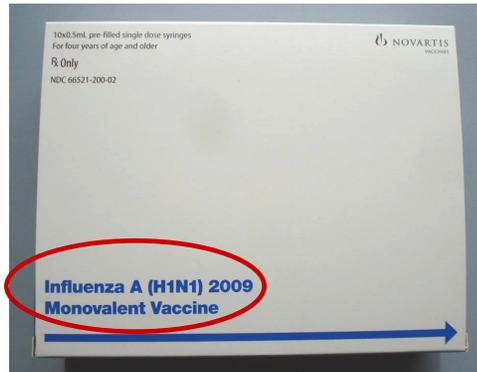
# 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine - Central Vaccine Recovery Program

## What H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Products Can Be Returned?



**YES**

**ONLY**  
**UNOPENED and WRAPPED**  
**INFLUENZA A (H1N1) 2009**  
**MONOVALENT VACCINE IN**  
**ORIGINAL PACKAGING**



**NO**

- **NO SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE**
- No other vaccines or antiviral drugs
- No syringes with needles attached
- No broken, used or empty vials
- No unused ancillary kits (needles, syringes, vaccination cards, alcohol prep pads and sharps containers)

Note: Unused ancillary items can be kept for later use.

